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1964 ENDEAVORER OF THE YEAR

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



Someone in your church may be the 1964 Endeavorer of the Year. The simple act of your nominating that young person could mean international recognition during the coming year. Again in 1964, in an effort to recognize outstanding Christian Endeavorers as well as to encourage all young people in their Christian witness, the International Society, aided by local societies and unions, will select the Christian Endeavorer of the Year, along with three runners-up.

Any Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico which enrolls in the 1964 Society Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

The first award will be an all-expense paid trip (to a maximum of \$150) to the 1964 International Christian Endeavor Summer Assembly, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, July 6-11,

plus room and meal costs at Otterbein College for five nights' lodging (dormitory style) Monday through Friday nights, and all meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast, plus a registration fee, all worth \$30.

The next three runners-up will receive free room and meals as described above, along with the free registration, all worth \$30.

The basis of awards will be a nomination by a Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group. The form for nomination will be sent to any of these organizations which enroll during December, January, February, or March in the 1964 Society Roll Call. In addition, the organizations which enroll will receive a handsome enrollment certificate suitable for framing and hanging. Organizations giving \$15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seal certificates go to those groups giving \$30. Gifts of \$50 or more earn a gold seal certificate.

Persons nominated must have passed their 12th birthday but must not have reached their 22nd birthday by February 29, 1964. Any person nominated must be an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. The complete nomination forms must be received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, not later than April 15, 1964. The winners will be selected by a board of International judges appointed by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The decisions of the judges are final and will be announced on May 1, 1964.

Who will be the 1964 Endeavorer of the Year? He or she may be in your church! Every society and union ought to name someone. It's very simple! Just see that your society or union is enrolled during December, January, February, or March in the 1964 Society Roll Call.

Coming Events

January

4—Texas Mid-Winter Council, Huntsville
Contact: Charles Meek, Box 37, Arcadia 77517

February

8—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon

Contact: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, 5550 N.W. 185th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97229

22-23—Ontario Leadership Training Weekend

Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!


**Are you ready for Christian Endeavor Week
January 26 - February 2, 1964?**

COVER CLUES

All set to go for the 1963 Executives' Program Council December 5-8 in Columbus, Ohio, are Dr. W. N. Gibson, chairman, (left) and Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; standing (left), Rev. Christian A. Tirre and Ralph E. Robrahn, song leader.

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TOP-LEVEL COUNCIL



Delegates at work during the Executives' Program Council



Ralph E. Robrahn directs singing, with Dr. W. N. Gibson (left), Council chairman, presiding.

Wearing a Paramount Chief's robe and hat which were given to him during his recent visit in Sierra Leone, West Africa, Bishop Meadows reports on Christian Endeavor around the world.



OVER SEVENTY-FIVE Christian Endeavor leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada met in Columbus, Ohio, December 5-8 for the annual sessions of the Executives' Program Council of the International Society.

A high light of the meetings was the fellowship banquet on Friday night with Bishop Clyde W. Meadows bringing the message. Bishop Meadows is president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and has recently returned from a six weeks' trip to Europe and Africa. Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, was toastmaster. The banquet carried out a Hawaiian theme, in keeping with the Pacific Area Conference to be held in Honolulu August 6-9 and the Hawaii Fellowship Tour set for August 1-21, 1964.

The sessions opened with a keynote message by President McQuilkin. Worship services on Friday and Saturday mornings were led by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, general secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Mr. Burkholder also led the closing service of worship on Sunday.

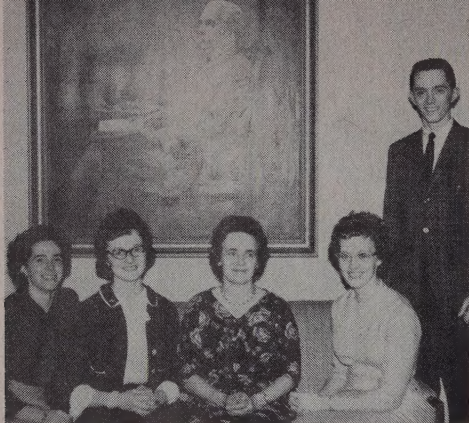
A memorial service for Dr. Earle W. Gates, past president of the International Society who died August 1, was held at Christian Endeavor headquarters on Thursday night. This was led by Dr. W. N. Gibson, General Baptist leader and chairman of the 1963 Executives' Program Council. An informal reception followed, with headquarters associates as hosts.

A two-session study on "What's Wrong with Committees (and what you can do about it)" was taught by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Union and extension representative of the International Society. Two groups of youth delegates gave a graphic presentation of committees in action. Rev. Robert Hess, general secretary of the California Union, led an evangelism workshop on "How to Win Youth."

A simulated court room scene was used for two sessions directed by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, educational secretary of the International Society. The hearings dealt with "The Case of the County Union's Dilemma" or "Who's Strangling Christian Endeavor?" Members of the Council were called on to render the verdict.

A new feature of this year's sessions was an idea period when delegates were divided into four task forces to make a critical analysis of topics

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Mrs. Earle W. Gates (center) with her family (left to right) Pearl Reed, Diane, Carol, and Earle W., Jr.

TOP-LEVEL COUNCIL (Continued from Page 3)

development, citizenship witness, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and membership mobilization.

Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union, reported on plans for the Pacific Area Conference in Hawaii and for the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, in 1965. Mr. Westerhoff has just returned from a tour of the Hawaiian Islands and meetings with the Dallas Convention Committee.

Mr. Tirre reported on plans for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week January 26-February 2. He also urged participation in the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program, emphasizing that both individuals and societies may participate. The Albert H. Diebold Awards for citizenship activities total approximately \$1,500 in cash, trips, plaques, award emblems, and certificates for the winners. Deadline for entering is February 3, 1965. The individual winner and representatives of the winning society will participate in the International Summer Assembly at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, July 6-11.

The editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, Phyllis Rike, led a discussion period on promotion of the publication. She also reported that Christian Endeavor's outdoor posters will appear on post-boards across the country in January and February.

Saturday evening a Christian Endeavor meeting on the December 29 topic, "How Do You Look?" was led by youth delegates under the direction of David Hildreth, the 1963 Endeavorer of the Year. During the closing service of worship and communion Sunday morning Mr. McQuilkin installed the newly-elected officers.

Song leader during the sessions was Ralph E. Robrahn, associate president of the International Society. Pianists were Mrs. Etta V. Berger and Mrs. Christian A. Tirre.

During these important meetings the current plans, materials, and emphases of the movement were presented, and many phases of the work were reviewed as leaders shared ideas and studied materials.

The Executives' Program Council meets annually. Included in membership are denominational youth workers; presidents and employes in the field, executive and general secretaries of Christian Endeavor unions; International Society officers; and youth delegates appointed by the union. The Council carries out its work through four committees—Education, Children's Work, Youth Work, and Adult Work.

Gordon McMordie, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union, succeeds Dr. Gibson as chairman of the Council. Vice-chairmen are Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary of the Oregon Union, and Rev. Ray Zimmerman, Christian Endeavor field secretary for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Secretary is Mary Moffitt of Texas, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Southwestern Region.

Committees were elected as follows:

Educational — Paul F. Hurley, chairman; Rev. Charles W. Barner, Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, Elwood Dunn, Rev. C. M. Felton, Dr. W. N. Gibson, Rev. Robert Hess, Timothy J. Kribs, Gordon McMordie, and Florence Zimmerman.

Children's Work — Florence Zimmerman, chairman; Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., Mrs. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., and Mrs. Kent Maxwell.

Youth Work — Elwood Dunn, chairman; Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Delno W. Brown, Rev. Doyle Corlew, Rev. Edgar L. Mack, Rev. C. K. Nicholson, Rev. Roger Vander Kolk, and Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf.

Adult Work — Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Rev. R. P. Carter, Joan Pyle, and Wanna Sell.

Dates set for next year's meetings of the Executives' Program Council are December 3-6 in Columbus, Ohio. Dates selected for 1965 are December 2-5.

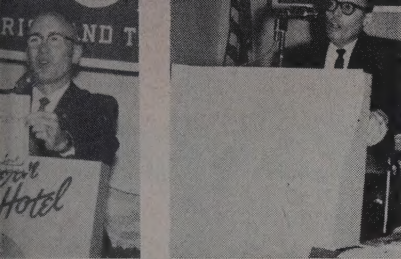
The Memorial Service for Dr. Earle W. Gates, led by Dr. W. N. Gibson, held in the Jones Room at Christian Endeavor Headquarters.



Youth delegates leading the Christian Endeavor meeting are (left to right) David J. Hildreth, James Wills, Lee Graubner, Barbara Zimmerman, Earle W. Gates, Jr., and David Jackson.

Arch J. McQuilkin congratulates the new Council officers (left to right) Gordon McMordie, Dorothy E. Howes, and Rev. Ray Zimmerman. Mary Moffitt was unable to be present.





Visual aids are used by Rev. Robert Less (left) in his evangelism workshop and by Elwood Dunn in his committee presentations.



Youth delegates graphically portraying "How not to have a committee meeting" are (left to right) Ronald Jones, M. Wilson Porter, Ruth Benner, James Wills, Steve Lindstrom, Barbara Zimmerman, with Joan Pyle who represented the society counselor.



Testifying at the "special hearing" is Rev. Roger Vander Kolk. Seated are the judge, Rev. Christian A. Tirre; the counsel for the Council, Ralph E. Robrahn; and the clerk, Joan Pyle.

Waiting for a glass of punch at the informal reception are M. Wilson Porter (left) and David Jackson. Hostesses are Faye Stottler and Sandra King (right).



JAMES C. ESTES DALLAS 1965 CHAIRMAN

James C. Estes of Tyler, Texas, has been named general chairman of the Dallas Convention Committee.

Mr. Estes will head up the local group which will take care of all details in planning for hospitality, meeting places, and other local arrangements for the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention scheduled for Dallas, Texas, July 6-10, 1965. The convention is expected to attract approximately 2,500 delegates to the Lone Star State from Protestant churches in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

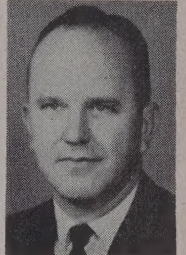
The initial meeting of the Dallas Program Committee was held October 19 in Columbus, Ohio. Timothy J. Kribs, Christian Church minister from Roachdale, Indiana, is chairman. Mr. Estes serves as a member of this committee.

In the insurance and real estate field, Mr. Estes has been active for many years in East Texas religious, civic, and veterans

affairs. He served as president of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union and was associate president and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society 1947-49. An elder in the First Presbyterian Church (U.S.) of Tyler, he is chairman of the Presbyterian Day School.

Mr. Estes and his wife, the former Mollie Stokes, are the parents of two daughters: Mollie Frances, an engineering student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and Bettie Mary, a junior at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler.

A Navy veteran, Mr. Estes is affiliated with the Naval Reserve Electronics Facility, Tyler, in connection with reserve recruiting and public relations.



JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

This poem was written by Roberta Kennedy, member of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Roberta, 17 years old, is a senior at Parkland High School and was a delegate at the International Convention in Washington last July.

The day was clear
The sky was blue
Suspense was in the air.
The crowd was massing ten men deep
From airport to the square.
High-hats running everywhere
Planning the last detail
Were confident.
How could they dream
That all was going to fail?

At last the long awaited sound
The hum of motors four
The silver bird skimmed o'er the ground
The crowd sent up a roar
The people scrambled here and there
Reception lines to form
And eager hands
Reached out to touch
The crowd was friendly and warm.
They lined the streets, the walks, the grass
All for one purpose bent.
They all had given of their time
To see their President.
They waved their flags
Their welcome cheered to him
As he rode by
They couldn't know they gathered there
To see their leader die.

An open storeroom window
A rifle on the sill
A shadow dark against the wall
The stage was set and still.

A corner was turned on the street below
Three bullets fast were sent.
Someone was hit,
Someone was hurt
IT WAS THE PRESIDENT!

A frantic rush to hospital
A disbelief and stare.
An empire shocked
A silent sob
A nation bowed in prayer.
An interval of half an hour
A dreaded rumor spread
And then confirmed:
"DEAR CITIZENS, THE PRESIDENT
IS DEAD!"

A man has died
Our President
Chief leader of the world.
We mourn our loss, but hark ye well
Our flag will not be furled!
As long as there are men who love
Our country and her God
We need not fear that enemies
Will ever taint our sod.
Democracy, life, liberty
The rights for which men died
Peace, safety, justice, freedom, joy
Unvanquishable pride.
There's but one way to keep these things
The torch we must hold high
For freedom depends
Not on one man,
But on US — you and I.

HAS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR A

By Rev. F. Rupert Gibson

A past president of the Irish Christian Endeavor Union and of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. Gibson is now the superintendent of the Irish Mission of the Presbyterian Church.

There is a question I am often asked. It is this: "Has Christian Endeavor a message for today?"

The implication is that while Christian Endeavor was once a great organization and met the needs of the time in which it was founded, and in the years immediately following, it is no longer a vital force and is not suitable for these present times.

Let me say right away that in my opinion, gained in a lifetime of youth work in school, college, university and in church, both as an ordinary member, as a minister of a congregation, and now as one who is privileged to serve on the administrative side of church affairs, I am convinced that Christian Endeavor, this great international, interracial, interdenominational organization, is the finest youth movement I know. Let us not forget that Christian Endeavor which numbers over three million members is the largest youth movement of its kind in the world. This great organization which is one of the oldest of the ecumenical movements has for generations been linking together young people in endeavor for Christ.

Christian Endeavor has done more than any organization I know in drawing young people out into service for Christ and has been an invaluable handmaiden of the church.

As President of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland I have been brought into contact with the leaders of various aspects of youth work all over the United Kingdom. I have had the opportunity of studying and discussing this complex problem with all sorts of people throughout the four Kingdoms. I have discussed it with ministers, youth leaders, mayors, provosts and civic officials in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. All are agreed that seeking to find the latent good in young people of today is one of the most crucial tasks facing the Christian Church at the present time. I have been made to realize how vital is this part of the ministry of the church.

I have found church leaders and civic leaders anxious as how best to cope with the young people of their areas, many of whom have gotten out of hand and numbers of whom seem to have no reasonable purpose in life. There is a restlessness and an uncertainty among young people of today which is one of the aftermaths of two world wars. In a rapidly expanding world adolescents are subject to continuous mental, emotional, and spiritual stresses which they do not seem to be capable of coping with.

In many cities here and across the water I have had the privilege of addressing specially convened meetings of ministers of the various denominations and discussing with them the problem of how the church can exercise its ministry to the young and hold them for Christ. I can tell you that many of these men are really worried and puzzled and burdened, and it is no wonder they are, for this is a crucial time for the Christian Church which must have an acute concern not to miss the youth of this generation.

I am convinced that Christian Endeavor is the organization which the church will find best suited to meet the needs of the situation I have just outlined. I speak with such conviction because I believe:

Proclaims Christ

(1) First, that Christian Endeavor can meet the needs of today because it proclaims the message of Christ. It is based on the Word of God. It proclaims the Gospel. It exists to train young people in Christian service.

Christian Endeavor has the message that young people need to guide them in the strains and temptations of modern life. They are looking for good news and for thrill and adventure and our organization has that message to give them.

One of the strengths of the movement is that it has always remained true to the fundamentals of the Word of God. The strength of Christian Endeavor lies in its insistence that the sincere acceptance of, and allegiance to, Jesus Christ is the only basis for building Christian character and a Christian social order, and also in its program of training, em-

bracing personal and group commitment to the Christian life and the application of the Christian Gospel to all the needs of mankind.

Training leaders is one of the great contributions of Christian Endeavor to the work of the church. There are many ministers and lay workers and church members who testify to the fact that they received their early training through the movement. For this the church owes Christian Endeavor much.

The great motive of our movement is "Win all you can, train all you win, use all you train." So Christian Endeavor is not only a training ground but also a vital employment agency for the church.

Gives a Challenge

(2) Second, I believe Christian Endeavor has a message for today because it is a message of challenge. I am sure young people today are prepared to face up to a challenge. So many other organizations fail to give a challenge.

On the other hand, take Communism. Communism is an ideology with a challenge. However wrong it may be it makes a strong appeal to young people for it calls for utter obedience to a creed. This is the reason for its success. Young people are turning to it today because they find in it a challenge to commitment.

But Christian Endeavor is an organization with a greater challenge than Communism. It is the challenge of Jesus Christ. He never sought to entertain people, He challenged them.

Christian Endeavor has a tremendous challenge. It is not a challenge to ease of living. No, it is expressed in the words of our covenant, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do . . ."

So many church leaders have told me they do not have Christian Endeavor because it is too challenging. They say to me, "You will never get young people to face up to the challenge of the weekly Christian Endeavor meeting, or to the monthly consecration meeting, or to the demands of the Christian Endeavor covenant" and so they start a youth club in order to seek to attract their young people.

MESSAGE FOR TODAY?

Call to Evangelism

(3) Lastly, Christian Endeavor with its message of Christ, its message of challenge, is a call to evangelism.

Christian Endeavor, born as a result of revival in a congregation in America, must live through evangelism. When it loses its impulse to evangelize it is dead. When a society ceases to look outward and no longer is striving to bring others in and to win others for Jesus Christ, it is in danger of becoming a small sanctimonious clique inside the church, dried up and ineffective.

Paul's advice to young Timothy (II Timothy 4:5) was: "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." "Do the work of an evangelist." It would remind you of the meaning of that word, "evangelist." It is "one who proclaims good news."

Young people are the best evangelists to other young people. I and those with whom I have been associated in the Commando Campaigns when we went out to take the Gospel into cafes and public houses to Teddy Boys and beatniks, university students and teen-agers at school, have proved that when we get alongside of these people and pre-

sent to them the challenge of Christ they are prepared to listen with interest and receive it gladly.

It has been my thrilling experience to lead young people in this work. We have had the experience of people saying to us in pubs and cafes, "Why was the church never interested in us before?" Let me say, it takes young people who are on fire for God, who have an irrepressible passion to tell others about Christ, to do this work. There is a hunger for Christ. Are we as Endeavorers doing anything to be evangelists and to help to satisfy the hunger of young people today?

Christian Endeavor has a task in helping to lead a war-weary and a sin-stricken world to Christ. Our movement through the years has united millions of young people throughout the world in this task.

Yes, very positively I say that Christian Endeavor has a message for today. We must prove to ministers and church leaders the value of Christian Endeavor. This can only be done by having good societies and members who are loyal to Christ and the denomination to which they belong and are stirred with an earnestness to work for God and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Bulletin Covers For Birthday Events

This is the design for the new bulletin covers, attractively printed in bright red and black.

The covers feature information about Christian Endeavor on the back—history, pledge, principles, and purpose. Furnished flat, they fold to 8½" x 5½"; a package of 100 costs \$2.00; 500 for \$8.00.

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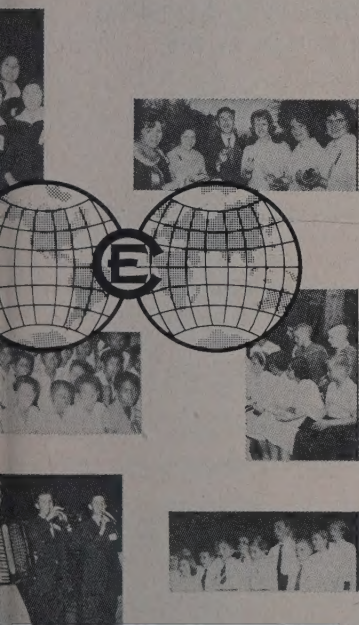
DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

Several generous friends of Christian Endeavor are making plans to "double" any Fifteen Dollar memberships received before February 29.

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ENROLL TODAY



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Last Call For Citizenship Entries

February 3 is deadline for individuals and societies in 1964 Citizenship Awards Program

It is easy for individuals and societies to enter Christian Endeavor's 1964 Citizenship Awards Program.

The first thing to do, according to Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society, is to study carefully the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and select some significant activity which fits into one of the areas of citizenship.

Individuals should then organize for action, complete the activity, and use it as a Christian witness in the community by February 3, 1964. Here are some activity suggestions:

Articles or Editorials on Christian citizenship

- in school or community newspapers
- letters to state or national congressmen or representatives
- in other publications

Talks on Christian citizenship

- to classes in democracy
- to Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups
- to civic groups

Posters calling attention to some phase of Christian citizenship

- freedom of worship
- Lord's Day observance
- voting

Cartoons or Black and White Photographs on some phase of Christian citizenship

- in school or community newspapers
- display at county fair or other prominent location
- in other publications

Societies should organize for action, completing the activity by February 3. Full records will be needed covering objectives, plans, and accomplishments. Suggested projects are:

- Study the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics and sponsor a campaign against their use
- Sponsor a campaign against gambling and obscene literature
- Promote a flag-for-every-home campaign
- Conduct parties and programs for community institutions
- Volunteer your service for the sick, aged, and confined in your neighborhood.
- Sponsor a campaign to keep the Lord's Day for church activities and family fellowship
- Plan a paint-up, fix-up, clean-up campaign for your community
- Encourage Bible reading and attendance at worship in your community.
- Expose the evils of Communism through seminars and films

—Conduct a letter-writing campaign for new legislation

- Arrange for foreign students from a new college to be entertained in Christian homes
- Place Christian citizenship displays in public buildings and stores
- Organize prayer groups to pray for government leaders
- Seek opportunities for Christian witnessing to servicemen at a nearby military installation

Individuals and societies should detach the entry form, fill it out carefully, and attach the necessary items. Individuals will need to attach the activity and selected materials which describe the activity—a statement of how the entry was used as a Christian witness in the community, newspaper press clippings, commendations, a black and white photograph of yourself.

Societies should attach selected materials which describe the activity: written reports, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.

The final step is the mailing of the entry form and all accompanying materials by first class mail to the citizenship director at the address shown. Each entry must bear a postmark dated no later than February 3.

ENTRY FORM FOR INDIVIDUALS (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked by Monday, February 3, 1964, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by 9:00 A.M., Friday, February 14, 1964)

Please enter the enclosed material in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

CATEGORY: ☐ Article ☐ Editorial ☐ Talk ☐ Poster
☐ Photograph ☐ Cartoon.

(Name in full)

(Address)

(Name of church of which you are a member)

(Address of church)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Mail this entry form together with a description of how the entry was used as a Christian witness in the community, a black and white photograph of yourself, and the entry (by first-class mail) to:

Citizenship Director
International Society of Christian Endeavor
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All entrants agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

ENTRY FORM FOR SOCIETIES (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked by Monday, February 3, 1964, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by 9:00 A.M., Friday, February 14, 1964)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in our attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Mail this entry form together with selected materials which describe the activity—written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc., (by first-class mail) to:

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NEWS AND VIEWS



participating in the meeting of the Educational Committee December 3-4 in Columbus, Ohio, are (left to right) Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary, International Society; Rev. Roch B. Rochester; Elwood Dunn; Paul F. Hurley, chairman; Rev. Christian L. Tirre, educational secretary, International Society; Mrs. Artis P. Brown, recorder; Dr. W. N. Gibson; Rev. Charles W. Barner; and Rev. Robert Hess. Florence Zimmerman and Rev. Ray Zimmerman also were present.

ALABAMA ENDEAVORERS met on November 3 at the Conservative Baptist Church in Birmingham for a Camp Shoes Rally. Rev. Lynwood Bowdoin, pastor of the church, spoke to the young people with the state devotional committee directing the program for those under 12 years of age. Singing was led by Dick Vigneulle. Rev. Myron H. Weson of Ensley is president of the Alabama Union.

ANNUAL BANQUET for North Carolina Endeavorers was held November 2 in Greensboro. The speaker was Rev. Dewey Kerr of Burlington.

GHAT — Christian Endeavor officers and teachers participating in a one-day training course and conference at Coimbatore, South India, included forty-two delegates representing five churches and two institutions.

ELOW — Headquarters associates at the banquet of the Executives' Program Council are (left to right) Mrs. Zelda F. Hughes, Faye E. Stottler, Carl F. Herrmann, Patty K. Johnson, Mrs. Eleanor J. Tope, Sandra A. King, Wydell Gaines, Mrs. Artis P. Brown and Mrs. Roberta J. Ragland. These associates served as table hosts and hostesses and prepared special Hawaiian decorations for the event.



- CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Roth of Denver, the proud parents of "J.R."—an eight pound baby boy. Mr. Roth was re-elected president of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union at its very successful fall conference in October. With 180 present, state leaders report a 25% increase in attendance.

Congratulations also to Charles Todd of Denver who was selected "Mr. CE" and to Stephanie Michael and Judy Gunnerson, both of Denver, who tied for the "Miss CE" award.

Society awards included one for the best project to the Arriba Bethel Brethren Endeavorers of Arriba, one for the best missionary project to the First German Congregational youth of Denver, and the best meeting award to the Christian Endeavorers of Mountain View Community Church, also in Denver.

- FALL SEMINARS in four sections of the state were planned by California Endeavorers under the leadership of Mrs. Faye Spence, training superintendent. The sessions were held simultaneously on November 16 and were beamed to sponsors and youth leaders.

- WASHINGTON WRAP-UP is a complete visual report of the 47th International Convention in Washington, D.C. This set of approximately 170 Kodachrome slides with an accompanying script is available on a loan basis from the International Society. The only charge is for postage in returning the slides.



Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

Evangelism and Your Society

by Timothy J. K

There are many things you can do to win other young people to Christ. It is a fact that there are many young persons who have never accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Therefore, you must use methods that will witness to them for Christ. Your society by working together can do evangelistic work. As a group you can do more than one individual working alone. This is not only for the lookout committee; it is the responsibility of every Christian to witness for Christ to others. Every member of the society should be involved in evangelism. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) is the challenge of Christ.

PRAYER

As in anything else you do for Christ and His Church, the first thing you must do is to pray. Perhaps, you are already conscious of the need to reach other young people for Christ, yet no matter how much you do, you must never forget that the Lord can do more for you than you can ever do for or of yourselves. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Pray for the young people outside of Christ and for strength and knowledge to win them to Christ.

PROSPECTS

In order to witness, you must know who needs to hear the message of Christ. Your efforts must never be confined to the active members of your society. Those who need to be reached for Christ are called prospects; a prospect is a potential Christian.

A list of prospects should be drawn up by your society. This list can be begun by asking the members of your society for the names of the youth they know whom they would like to see become Christians. The list will grow when the names of youth who have visited the society, Sunday school, or church are added. Youth who prefer your church, whose names were gained from the community census which the society helped the church to take, may be added, too. Perhaps the names of other prospects can be obtained from church preference lists at school. Form a prospect list, keep it up to date by adding new names and removing the names of those who move away. Contact each prospect regularly. Do not become discouraged over the indifference of the prospects when they are first contacted. Show them the love of God by your continual concern for them and they will be more willing to accept Christ.

PLAN

Be ready to hold your prospects when you reach them. Be a friendly society and have the best possible devotional meetings. Little will be accomplished without a set of workable plans for reaching the youth on your prospect list.

Probably the best evangelistic method is personal contact made through a call in the prospect's home. This can either be done by two Christian Endeavorers calling together or by several as a group going from house to house. Calling two-by-two will naturally get more contacts made, but if you are afraid, it will be best at first to call as a group.

Calling two-by-two is Scriptural. Jesus trained the twelve and the seventy (Luke 9:10) and sent them out two-by-two to reach others. This is also best because of the personal relationship established. Those outside of Christ must be made aware that Christian Endeavor and the church are really concerned about them and that God loves them. This personal contact also transforms calling from a fearful drudgery into joyful service for Christ. Going two-by-two, you will be well received and be given an excellent personal opportunity to witness for your faith in Christ. You should also invite them to your society meetings, to church and tell them of Christian Endeavor and church programs. Calling in homes also gives a natural setting for witnessing. The prospect is not on the defensive in his or her own home and will talk more freely about Christ. This gives a greater opportunity to witness

for your personal faith. Calling also can serve as a continual evangelistic project. It can continue every month of the year and is not confined to any one season or time of year. The prospects should be contacted regularly so that they will realize that you sincerely want them to give their lives to Christ. Since additional calls will be made later by other members of the society, it is important to keep records of who called on a particular prospect, when the call was made, and what information was gained, so that the next callers can make further progress. It is a good thing to work toward eventually winning the entire family to Christ. Your pastor will be happy to help you in your evangelistic projects; he is very interested and will do much to help.

Letters, postcards, and telephone calls along with a personal invitation whenever a Christian Endeavorer is with a prospect will also aid the work being done in calling.

Another Evangelism Project which can be used in connection with forming a prospect list, continual calling, and invitation is a youth evangelistic meeting. The success and value of a youth evangelistic meeting will depend upon how well you have prepared for it with calling, publicity, and prayer. Be careful to choose the dates, the outside speaker, personnel for music, and experienced items with your pastor and other church leaders. Call on prospects several times prior to the special meetings and continually show them Christ's love through you.

PRACTICE

You need to do more than plan evangelistic projects. You must work your plans. You need to continually reach other young people for Christ and the Church. This calls for continual prayer, calling, and witnessing. Evangelism is an everyday project.

The local Christian Endeavor society is a part of the local church. The society's evangelism projects should be planned to aid the evangelistic program of the church of which it is a part.

The lookout committee should oversee the evangelism program of the society. The devotional committee should plan to emphasize the Christian Endeavor topics which deal with witnessing and evangelism, so that each member of the society may become a better personal witness and caller.

The devotional committee should also be certain that the Christians are trained in the meaning of the Christian life and that they, too, will become witnesses.

The social committee will not only seek to reach the prospects for Christ by inviting them to the social and recreational activities of the society, but will also work to include those reaching for Christ into the intimate Christian fellowship of the society.

The church activity committee should encourage the planning of all church evangelistic programs to include Christian Endeavorers and the society as a whole in the programs. Endeavor should also be included in the training and inspiration which are available in the all-church evangelistic programs.

While each committee has its particular work to do, every Christian Endeavorer should continually remember that evangelism is every Christian's full-time occupation. Therefore, each Christian Endeavorer should be involved in the prayer, calling, and of course the witness of daily Christian living, in addition to the work of the respective committees.

Many young people need to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Many will come to accept Him if you witness for Christ to them by your personal life and through inviting them to hear the Word of God in Christian Endeavor and church.

Additional information and help for the conducting of a program of evangelism is available in the pamphlets **TAKING OTHERS ALONG** (15c each) and **HOW TO WIN YOUTH** (10c each). Order these from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

Through Christ I Can

Romans 8:31-39; Philippians 4:13

(Christian Endeavor Day)

Program Outline

Refreshments 30 minutes before program
Pre-Prayer Service
Relude

Hymn: *O Worship the King*

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Hymn: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-8, 13

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Praise Him, Praise Him*

(use solo voices on stanza, all joining in the chorus)

Brief History of Christian Endeavor

Report of Christian Endeavor Week

Activities by the President

Hymn: *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*

Announcements

Introduction of Guests: Brief testimony

from an athlete, businessman, teacher,

or housewife

Leader's Introduction to Topic

Discussion of the Theme

Consecration Service

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Time of Commitment

Repeating the Pledge

Solo: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

Publicity

Invitations could go to all members and guests on cake-shaped cards. Send one also to the Sunday school department chairman for announcement. Make a poster for the bulletin board emphasizing a cake and birthday party with refreshments to open the time together.

Guidance for the Leader

At Pre-Prayer time have specific requests on the chalkboard before those participating come in, or else have requests typed out on pieces of paper to hand out as they come in. Because of refreshments, time should be limited. In the introduction of the history of Christian Endeavor state the fact that we are joining with some three million youth around the world in fifty countries to celebrate this eighty-third birthday.

JANUARY, 1964

For the brief history of Christian Endeavor see special item, or use the Radio Play suggested in the *Christian Endeavor Week Packet*.

At the Consecration service, have a copy of the pledge in wall form mounted so that the light of a candle on either side illuminates it (other lights should be out). Before the service begins, give each young person a cutout letter "I." Ask them to tie their testimony to the thought of the theme, placing it at the foot of a cross on a table in front of the pledge. At the same time they could also place their offering on the table, expressing the need of giving both themselves and their money. Have everyone bow their heads in prayer for the final solo before the dismissal.

Theme Chorus Available

The chorus, "Through Christ I Can," written by Edward C. Steinhart and introduced at the Washington Convention, is now available on special 5½"x8½" chorus sheets. Cost is 5c each, 25c a dozen, \$1.50 per hundred. Order from the Publishing Department of the International Society.

Guidance for the Counselor

This could very well be the time for mid-term installation of officers. Use the consecration service as a moment of dedication for them. Some societies have the passing of pins to the next officer as a part of the ceremony. The Biennial theme of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, our theme tonight, could well be used as a theme for the term. Do have a long-range planning conference with your new officers.

Watch to see that courtesies are extended to the special guests, and that the refreshment table is handled properly.

Introduction to Topic

You should have in your hands a copy of "A Vital Program for Youth." This outlines the three areas of discussion for

our meeting tonight. We are to grow—witness—and endure "through Christ which strengtheneth me." I have given some ideas with Scripture references to those in our meeting. Will you please respond as we come to that part with your verse and two or three things it suggests we can do in our every day life at home and at school. Outline for the topic:

THROUGH CHRIST I CAN GROW, II PETER 3:18

1. Into Christ, Ephesians 4:15
2. Unto perfection, Hebrews 6:1
3. In love, I Thessalonians 3:12
4. In grace and knowledge, II Peter 3:18

THROUGH CHRIST I CAN WITNESS, ACTS 1:8

1. In the home, I Peter 3:15
2. In daily activities, Colossians 3:17
3. In the church, I Timothy 4:12
4. In the world, Matthew 28:18-20

THROUGH CHRIST I CAN ENDURE, II TIMOTHY 2:10

1. In the strength of the Lord, Philippians 4:13
2. For the sake of others, Romans 15:1
3. Unto the end, Mark 13:13

Discussion Comments

The leader and counselor should be ready to make comments where necessary, or to encourage the Junior Highs to add their thoughts at each part of the outline. Go right on to the next part to keep the meeting moving. *The Daily Bible Readings* for the week give some real good samples of how one can meet up to real situations. Jehoshaphat, Isaiah, Jesus, and Paul all bring us examples. These can be used if there is time.

Alternate Ideas

Divide the group into threes. Give each group one of the outlines suggested above. Have that group look up the Scripture references and together make

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their comments on what they can do. A secretary should keep the findings and after five minutes or so, to consider the ideas, have a reporting session by each of the three groups.

Have some of the young people work out a charade or play on some of the incidents related in *The Daily Bible Readings*. Junior Highs have good imagination to tell the truth. Have the guests judge the three groups on the best presentation.

Christian Endeavor History

First society organized, February 2, 1881

First convention held, June 2, 1882

First Junior society organized, March, 1883

First North American organization named, United Society of Christian Endeavor, 1885

First State Union, Connecticut, 1885

Francis E. Clark elected President of the United Society, 1887

Motto "For Christ and the Church" adopted, 1887

Christian Endeavor monogram patented, 1888

Christian Endeavor Day was first observed beginning in 1888

First Intermediate Society, 1891

Junior Conventions introduced, 1892

First World's Union meeting, 1895,

Conventions are now held each 4 years

Quiet Hour and Tenth Legion plans introduced at the convention in 1897

Christian Endeavor week designated for celebration at the convention in 1913

United Society of Christian Endeavor changed its name to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1927

Headquarters moved from Boston, Massachusetts to Columbus, Ohio, 1947

An alternate outline for messages on the theme "Through Christ I Can" may be found in *The Manual for Resource and Guidance* in The Christian Endeavor Week Packet.

Illustrative Incidents

Our lives might be likened to a house. At the moment we receive Christ as our personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit enters into our lives and clears up the Sin of rejecting the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Oftentimes at this conversion or new birth, rapid changes take place in our attitudes and conduct. In others it is a much slower growth, partly because of home background, or teachings in church, or involvement with friends. However if the Word of God is regularly followed, new ideas come to light, and there is a new facing up to relationships with God and men.

Questions to Start Discussion

1. What is the difference between "I want," "I will," and "I can?"
2. Can we grow before there is a "new birth" in our spiritual lives?
3. How can you love your neighbor as yourself?
4. Does growth ever stop?
5. What is the least amount of time one should spend in a Quiet Hour with the Lord Jesus Christ?
6. How important is it to have Bible verses memorized?
7. How do I know when to say "no" to some of the things my friends want me to do?
8. If I have to choose, should my parents or my friends help me to make a decision?
9. Is it wrong to be called a "square"?
10. What can I do or how can I act when others are unkind to me?

This is where the other rooms of the house come in. In the living room is where we keep it the cleanest for that is where we entertain company.

The kitchen and bathroom would be the next places available to guests, for their cleansing, and sustenance in the food and fellowship provided. But strangely enough, we do have our closets that aren't open for inspection. Probably the bedrooms are where we are the least careful of our manners and disposition, for we can go in there and shut the door, and keep everybody else out.

In our house everything is known to God, and He would like to have us hide nothing from Him. So He very kindly waits until we are ready to reveal all the corners of our life to the all searching eye. If we would live comfortably with Him, there should be nothing between our soul and our Saviour. As we walk in the Light of God, we must clean house regularly remembering that "if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:7.

If Christ is our best friend, we will want to share with Him every small detail of our thinking and conduct. And in the human sense we will want to hide nothing from our parents that they should know, and our friends, too, need to know that we trust them completely.

If we have injured our loved ones or friends we should be big enough to admit it and tell them we are sorry, so that we won't have them wondering when it's going to be cleared up. The longer we wait the harder it is to get it straightened out. Is your heart house clean? or are there some places that need working on? Through Christ we can live as God wills us to.

Some Purposes of Christian Endeavor

A young person will go no higher than the challenge of a Christ-honoring church-centered program. Christian Endeavor stands firmly upon the following objectives:

First — To lead young people to confess Christ as Saviour, and to consecrate their lives to Him and to His service.

Second — To give them opportunity for expression of their personal relationship with Christ through prayer, testimony, and the discussion of Christ's teachings regarding the problems of everyday living.

Third — To train and instruct young people in service for Christ and the Church through the method of learning to-do-by-doing. Every pledged member should take part in every meeting of the society and serve as an officer or member of a committee to the best of their ability.

Fourth — To promote loyalty to the own church and denomination through attendance at the regular services of the church, singing in the choir, ushering and any other service open.

Fifth — To promote interdenominational fellowship with the young people of other churches and denominations, through rallies, banquets, conventions, conferences, socials, and sings.

Sixth — To furnish a society where young people can fellowship together at their Christian meetings, also as Christian young people in socials and recreational activities, planning their good times under the auspices of the church and not the world.

Resource Material

The Christian Endeavor Story
What Christian Endeavor Believes
Christian Endeavor Essentials
A Vital Program for Youth
Christian Endeavor Week Packet
Christian Endeavor Songs
What Is Christian Endeavor?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 27	Dependence	Brings Results
		II Chronicles 20:14
T. Jan. 28	Waiting Is Rewarded	Isaiah 40:21
W. Jan. 29	Strength Out of Weakness	II Corinthians 12:10
T. Jan. 30	Transmitted Power	Matthew 28:16
F. Jan. 31	Steadying Power	Romans 16:25
S. Feb. 1	Inner Fortitude	Ephesians 3:13
Sun. Feb. 2—Topic: Through Christ I Can		
	Romans 8:31-39; Philipians 4	
	(Christian Endeavor Day)	

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess, editorial advisor and general secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Attitudes toward Money

The Sense of Stewardship

I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Suggested Program

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all to Worship: Psalm 24:1
ymn: *This Is My Father's World*
esponsive Reading: *Discipleship*
ymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
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edication of Talents
ymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
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Leader's Personal Preparation

It goes without saying that you want this topic to be one of the best ever presented to your society. After all, if the topic on stewardship is to make sense to your friends, it must first make sense to you. Really, there isn't much sense in talking about stewardship to others if you haven't made good use of your opportunities in preparing this topic. So, let's begin!

First, read all of the resource material. As you read it, look for those items which you feel can be especially useful to your society and mark them. Also, note the suggested program outline. Now don't be afraid to leave out some of the material or to add other ideas of your own. These resource materials are for your help but they must be adapted to your needs and circumstances.

After you have made a rough outline of the program and how you wish to present the topic, make a list of those who will help you with the service and presentation. Then ask them in plenty of time so that they may properly prepare. Nothing will make a meeting lifeless any quicker than a thoughtless leader who doesn't give himself and others time enough to prepare. Remember this is a topic on stewardship and we are stewards of our time!

If possible the meeting place should have a table with chairs around it for the topic presentation. Pictures you have seen of business boards in session will give you some ideas for room arrangement. Use your imagination in setting

the scene for a report or an accounting of our talents and responsibilities.

An important part of the program will be the opportunity for each person to give a personal accounting of his life before God and to make certain promises for the future. To do this, you will want to prepare copies of the following forms in advance of the meeting. It is important that each person have a typed or mimeographed copy of each form for his own *private* use. Don't be afraid to ask for help in preparing these forms; your pastor or counselor will be able to help you.

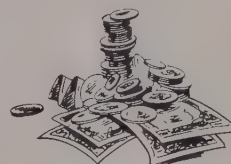
Form Number 1

A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF MY STEWARDSHIP

- How many hours a week do you spend at church?
- How often do you read and study the Bible?
- What specific jobs of Christian service do you perform?
- How much time do you spend preparing Bible-school lessons and Christian Endeavor materials?
- How often do you stop to think about your Christian beliefs and your ideals for life?
- How often do you invite someone to church or Christian Endeavor?
- How much time do you spend in reading literature which will improve your Christian life?
- How much time do you spend in school and on schoolwork?
- How much time do you spend in extra curricular activities?
- How much time do you spend having fun?
- In what additional ways do you think you could use your time for Christ and the Church?
- What talents do you have such as music, art, drama, etc. which could be used in the church, Sunday school or Christian Endeavor?
- What types of Christian service do you especially enjoy doing?
- Are you honestly seeking to improve your talents for Christ's sake?

Our Aims

- To show that Christian stewardship is a response to what Christ has done for the Christian.
- To show that one's life is an important part of good stewardship.



Form Number 2

A PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF MY TALENTS

(Check the appropriate statements you plan to carry through with God's help.)

- I will search my life with the help of God's Spirit, seeking to note the natural talents He has given me.
- I will seek by the help of God to develop and use my talents for Him.
- I will try to make better use of my time, even to the extent of giving up some out-of-school activities so that I may do some work for my church each week.
- I will play a musical instrument for Christian Endeavor; for Sunday school; for church services.
- I will use my voice to sing solos; in duets; in quartets; or in the choir.
- I will lead in public prayer if called upon.
- I will lead singing.
- I will read Scripture.
- I will present a topic.
- I will help with publicity.
- I will visit others in behalf of the society and my church.
- I will prayerfully consider whether God is calling me into a church related vocation.

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The Leader's Talk

(This material should *not be read* to the group. Rather, the leader should carefully study it and then present the ideas in his own words.)

Are you a steward? That word is not common today. Let's see what it means. A steward is an agent who has been entrusted with the affairs or goods which belongs to someone else." But this really let's me out! I don't have anything that belongs to someone else. But this really isn't so. As Christians, we realize that God owns all things. We are only secondary owners. Really, when we are honest with ourselves and with God, we know that none of us are "self-made." All that we are and have is the gift of God.

Though you wouldn't know it the way some of us think and act, all the tremendous resources of our earth were placed there by God. And even the knowledge of our minds and the strength of our bodies which enable us to use these natural resources is the gift of God. It is good that we remember with the psalmist that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."

Besides this, as Christians we know that we belong to God because of the unpayable debt for our salvation. The price for our redemption has been paid by Christ Himself and so we owe Him our all. We need the same reminder that Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church when he said, "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19,20).

Because our lives and spiritual selves really belong to God, we cannot call them our own. So we are stewards! We have been entrusted with the care and affairs of something which really does not belong to us — the life we now live as children of God.

The parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 teaches us that God gives each of us gifts or talents to be used in our Christian living. Not all of us receive the same talents but each of us is responsible for using what we do have. This is the lesson of the parable of the pounds in Luke 19:12-27. In this parable the nobleman tells his servants "Occupy till I come." This is our business as stewards. We are to occupy and use the lives God has given us until He comes to take us to Himself. In both of

Questions for Discussion

(The following questions may be used in discussion to conclude the topic)

1. As described in Matthew 25, why does God give us varying abilities?
2. According to the parable, what does God expect of us?
3. Why was the conduct of the one talent man improper?
4. In the parable in Luke 16, why does the Lord commend the steward?
5. For what part of his conduct did Jesus condemn him? The key is in verses 10-13. What does this teach us about our Christian stewardship?

these parables Jesus teaches that we are accountable for the stewardship of our lives. Also, Paul wrote to the Corinthians that "It is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2).

In order to be faithful stewards we must see that our lives are properly balanced. For instance, we must be stewards of our time. We cannot always be playing nor can we always be working; we cannot be always studying nor can we always be engaged in Bible reading or prayer. A good investment of time means that no single aspect of life takes more than it should of our time. All time is a trust from God, to be used for His purposes, according to His will, and to His glory.

As a token of His ownership of time and His authority over it, God set aside one day out of seven for Himself. Today people have more leisure time than they had in ancient Israel or in the New Testament church. But are they willing to use it in service to God? Not often. More often our leisure time is squandered in sheer idleness or in an excessive round of entertainment or sport.

We are also stewards of our personalities — what we are and have as persons. God has established His right to our persons in that we are made in His own image. All of our physical and mental powers, all of our talents and skills, all of our resources of mind and spirit are a trust from God. But we often violate this stewardship of our very beings. Man is turned in upon himself. He uses himself for himself. This is what sin really is — withholding ourselves from God. Such a selfishness concerning our lives; such a coveting of our talents for self-exploitation is sin.

The beginning of stewardship is an accounting of what we have done with the gifts of God. As taught by Jesus in the parables, everyone of us is responsible

to God for what He has given us. And as indicated in Luke 12:2, 3, we cannot hide the facts nor falsify the record of our lives. God knows how faithful or how faithless we have been as stewards.

Just as a board of directors in a business corporation will meet to give an account, so we are meeting now to give an account of ourselves before God. But there is a big difference! The report of an officer in a business would be given openly before others and he would be subject to their criticism for his failure. In our accounting to God, we are responsible only to Him. He alone is the judge of our faithfulness.

To help us evaluate and account for our stewardship, let us each file with God a confidential report of how we use our time and personalities. (At this point give time for each person to complete the questionnaire *which he is to keep*. It is between himself and God.)

A business man making a report before the officers of his corporation would also want to make suggestions and promises concerning his job in the future. In our accounting to God, we can ask for forgiveness for past failures and renew our consecration for the future. Again we do not need to declare our failures and promises to others but to God Himself. To help us do this, let us each take one of the *Proposal for Use of Talents* forms and complete it.

When completed, these forms should be signed and presented in an act of consecration before God. Then they should be given to the counselor or pastor so that they can be followed through personal contact.

Additional Seed Thoughts

Real Christian giving is true living.

You cannot be a good disciple unless you are a good steward.

Loving God includes every part of life.

Wanted: Lives for God's service.

—St. Paul, Romans 12:1

It does no good to live unless you live for something other than yourself.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Feb. 3 Diversity of Gifts Matthew 25:14-30
T. Feb. 4 Men Are Stewards Luke 19:12-27
W. Feb. 5 Faithfulness Required I Corinthians 4:2
T. Feb. 6 Life Is Precious I Corinthians 3:11-12
F. Feb. 7 Our Ministering Romans 14:11-12
S. Feb. 8 We Are Responsible Luke 12:1-12
Sun. Feb. 9—Topic: The Sense of Stewardship I Corinthians 6:19-20

Comments by Rev. George E. Weaver, pastor of the Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Attitudes toward Money

The Cents of Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-29; Psalm 24:1

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 50:14,15
Hymns: *O Worship the King; For the Beauty of the Earth*
Responsive Reading: *The Goodness of the Lord* (Psalm 103:1-18)
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Sentence Prayers of Thanksgiving
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30
Topic Presentation (a symposium on the why? how? and spirit of stewardship of money)
Let's Discuss
Solo: (*We Give Thee but Thine Own*)
Service of Commitment to the Tenth Legion
Benediction

Leader's Preparation

Read the resource material carefully and outline the possible uses you can make of it in leading your group in this discussion. Note that the suggested form of presentation is a symposium of speakers who will present various ideas concerning the stewardship of money. Choose those who will give these talks early and share the resource materials with them. If there are not enough copies of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD to go around, copy these talks and give them to those who will be presenting them. Be fair to others and to God — don't pass the magazine around during your meeting with the request, "Read this." These talks along with your own should be based on these materials but should not be read as mere recitations!

The commitment service for the Tenth Legion may be conducted by you, the counselor of your society, or by your pastor. But if it is to be effective, it must be carefully planned. A candlelighting service would be very effective. Those committing themselves to the Legion should be asked to bring their enrollment cards to the prepared worship center. As the cards are placed on the table, those so enlisting may light candles and place them in a holder, thus symbolizing their promise of stewardship.

Our Aims

1. To show that stewardship involves possessions, too.
2. To emphasize the Tenth Legion.
3. To challenge Junior Highs to begin now to practice good stewardship of possessions.

Folders entitled *What is the Tenth Legion?* and *Tenth Legion Enrollment Cards* may be ordered from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. The cost of each is 35c per dozen. You should plan to have enough for each member of your society.

Your publicity should include announcements in the church bulletin, personal invitations handed to the youth of the Sunday school, and posters. One suggestion might be the use of drawings or pictures of coins going toward and into a church building and then flowing out again as missions and other ministries of the church to the ill, the poor, the socially oppressed, etc.

The Leader's Talk

When approached on the street and asked for money, a gentleman offered to take the beggar into a restaurant and buy him a meal. The beggar replied, "I asked for money, not for food!" He continued in response to the surprised look of the gentleman, "Of course I'm hungry. I haven't eaten a good meal in three days." He went on to frankly explain, "I'm a communist. We need money for literature." Let's face it! How many Christians would go hungry to get money for distributing their literature?

A Colonel in our armed forces met a communist while in Europe. He wanted to win the man for Christ. The young communist quickly noticed the Colonel's intent and turned on him with brutal frankness: "You are trying to convert me. There is absolutely no use. I belong to the party. All I have — even my wife and family — would be sacrificed in obedience to its commands."



There are two forces in the world which are committed to the task of winning men to their cause. Both Christianity and Communism are pledged to winning the world. But which one has the greater zeal and the greater spirit of sacrifice? The communist is completely given to his organization. Is the Christian given to Christ in any such absolute fashion? The communists have no equal in earnestness, aggressiveness, and sacrificial passion. They are totally committed to the spreading of the hideous and treacherous lies of the Kremlin. Wherever one may go in the world there he will find the missionaries of this enslaving doctrine.

On the other hand it is a heart breaking fact that Bible societies are clamoring for funds to print the Scriptures and missionary boards are continually hampered for lack of money. But at the same time many professing Christians are spending their money for nonessentials. If Christianity is to be the dominant voice in our world then we as Christian Endeavorers along with other Christians must match sacrifice with sacrifice, zeal with zeal, and self denial with self denial. Our Christian faith and our money cannot be separated. When Christ claims us, He claims our talents, our time, and also our possessions. When we withhold our money, there is something wrong with our relationship to Christ. And when we give with the wrong spirit, this is symptomatic of a disturbed relationship to the Lord.

Let us now give our attention to the *Why? How? and Spirit* of the stewardship of our money.

Talks on the Topic

WHY WE ARE STEWARDS OF OUR MONEY

What does our money represent? Is money actually part of ourselves — our labor, our sweat, our fatigue, transformed into coins? What does the Bible tell us about the use of money? Did Jesus have

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much or little to say about money? For how much of his money is a Christian responsible to God? Should one's church contribution be comparable to such budget items as food, clothing, and rent, or should it compare with what we spend for cosmetics, gum, reading materials and recreation? These are the basic questions we must answer in considering the why of our Christian stewardship of money. In answering these questions it must be noted that God undergirds our labor and ability to make money. No person can claim his wealth as of his own making. As Moses reminded the people of Israel, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God for it is he that giveth thee the power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). In addition, God has given us a biblical command and standard for the stewardship of our money. To guide us, He has commanded tithing — the giving of one-tenth of our income to Him.

Tithing was practiced long before the Law was given through Moses. Abraham gave tithes of all he had (read Genesis 14:20). Jacob said (read Genesis 28:22). Also, God said through Malachi (read Malachi 3:10). In addition to the tithe, the people of the Old Testament were encouraged to bring additional freewill offerings of thanksgiving to God.

Some people try to explain that tithing is a part of the Old Testament Law and is not binding on us as Christians. But tithing is not a part of the ceremonial law which ended in Christ. Tithing was neither symbolic nor figurative. The practice of giving the tenth carried right over into the New Testament era. But the New Testament goes beyond the tenth and establishes the standard of proportionate and sacrificial giving. To do less is to demonstrate that the Jews did more under law than the Christian does out of love — that Sinai is stronger than Calvary. The basis of our giving as Christians is summed up in the appeal of Paul (read I Corinthians 16:2).

HOW WE PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR MONEY

We first practice stewardship over our money when we learn how to handle it. The best way to learn how to handle money is to actually do so. All of us have some money to use — either from allowances or from earnings. We then must decide what portion of our money is to go into our church, Sunday school, and Christian Endeavor offerings.

Let's Discuss

1. I thought tithing was an Old Testament law. Why should we practice it?
2. Does God really need my little portion?
3. I don't give any money because I don't like the way it is used; I send my money to another cause. What's wrong with this?
4. What meaning if any does Matthew 5:39-41 have on Christian Stewardship?
5. Do you possess your possessions, or do your possessions possess you?

A special handout from dad just before church time robs us of our own decisions and stewardship! As the amount of our allowances and earnings increase, so can we increase the proportion of our giving to the church.

We actually learn how to be faithful stewards when we budget our earnings and allowances now! It is not a question of how much we will give when we are older and have more money — it is our responsibility now to lay aside as God has prospered us and return to Him at least the tenth. If we can't give Him His share now, we probably never will!

Then we must understand the purpose and use of our offerings. The pastor and the proper committee will be glad to explain the mechanics of handling the money of the church — something of the amount required to run the church; who the church treasurer is; how the money reaches out beyond the church in service to others. When we understand this, we will see that our money is our personal power to get things done in the world. Christian worship and service are made possible in proportion to the amount we give as stewards.

As a part of the fellowship of a local church, Sunday school, and Christian Endeavor society, we share in a collective responsibility for the advancement of God's kingdom. Together, we share in the common work of supporting the local program; foreign, home, and social missions; and of promoting Christian Education. The local church and its individual members do not exist in isolation. We exist as part of the body of Christ, the whole Church. Our concern must be for the whole work of the whole Church throughout the whole world. Not one of us is excused from our responsibility. Statistics indicate that one-third of the church supports the financial needs of the whole church while the other two-thirds give little or nothing. To which of these groups do you belong?

THE SPIRIT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

Some people give grudgingly. They complain about the sacrifice they are making in their giving. They complain about building costs. They complain about the erection of new churches and schools. They complain about the cost of sending missionaries abroad and opening new fields at home. They complain about any advance of God's kingdom which costs money. They give, but they are not happy about it. Others give "of necessity." They know that God's kingdom needs money as well as workers, and so, constrained by the dictates of necessity, they give something. But their giving seems to be unavoidable and unpleasant. They are not happy about their giving either. But "God loves a cheerful giver." This applies to all phases of our stewardship. The spirit of the Christian life is gratitude to God for the gift of Christ. Christian service is joyful and willing. Our giving is just one of the ways in which we can show the spirit of thankfulness to God. We can regard our giving as more than an obligation — it is also a great privilege. Let us not regard giving as a burden hard to bear. Let us give cheerfully out of the joyous abundance of our hearts.

When we serve God in this spirit, He enlarges our vision and enriches our Christian experience. We then become capable of rendering a larger service for God. Our soul grows in response to His leading and we experience His goodness in an ever-growing measure.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Feb. 10 God's Ownership — Psalm 50:1-11
T. Feb. 11 Giving of Tithes Leviticus 27:30-33
W. Feb. 12 Giving to God First II Corinthians 8:1-15
T. Feb. 13 First Fruits to Be Given Exodus 22:28
F. Feb. 14 First Things First Matthew 6:24-33
S. Feb. 15 Responsible for Possessions Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Sun. Feb. 16—Topic: The Cents of Stewardship Matthew 25:14-29; Psalm 24:1-8

Comments by Rev. George E. Weaver, pastor of the Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Becoming a Christian

Let's Face the Facts

Romans 5:1, 2, 6-11; 10:8-10

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1
Hymn: *Trust and Obey* (stanzas 1, 2, 5)
Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1, 2, 6-11;
10:8-10
Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
(stanzas 1, 2, 5)
Sentence Prayers, led by _____
and closed by _____
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Introduction
Talks on the Topic
Special Music: *I Would Be True*
Benediction

Poster Suggestion

At the top of the poster, write in large capitals, LET'S FACE THE FACTS. At the left hand side, paste the picture of a young person reading a Bible, or, if such a picture cannot be found, use the picture of a Bible. Opposite this, write ALL HAVE SINNED, ALL NEED SALVATION, THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER.

From the Bible, draw lines to each of these three sentences. At the bottom, give the name of the leader, the time, and the one who is to provide the special music.

Leader's Talk

In our daily Bible readings of the past week there was one thing which stood out very clearly, and that was the fact that all people have sinned and fallen short of what God expects of them. Evil thoughts creep into the mind which have not been banished; sharp words are spoken hastily for which we are immediately sorry; unkind things have been done which make us ashamed.

The Bible tells us that sin brings the penalty of death, but God would be lonely in heaven if everybody were lost, so it was arranged that Jesus should come and pay the penalty for us by dying on the cross. Those who accept His sacrifice are forgiven their sins and become members of the family of God. Thereafter, they seek daily to live a better life, and are helped to grow spiritually by the aid of the Holy Spirit. It

is wonderful that God has made it possible for us to have salvation, and to use our days here in preparation for the higher life which is ahead. Let us now see what is expected of us in order to make salvation certain. It is true that salvation is a gift, but it does have to be received. Tonight our topic is *Facing the Facts*. Let us see what the facts are.

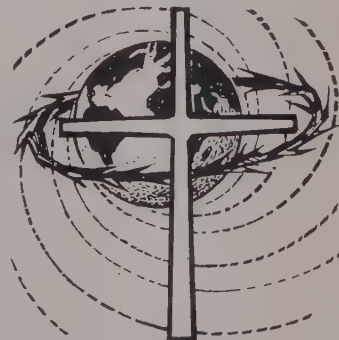
Talks on the Topic

1. (Please tell in your own words.) *Faith* is the first step toward salvation. It is not enough to believe that Jesus lived in Palestine 1900 years ago, and that He was a wise teacher and healer. It is expected that we shall believe that He is the divine Son of God and Saviour of the world. When Jesus asked the disciples whom they believed Him to be, Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Nothing less than that will do. But how do we get faith? How many of you even know where to turn in your Bibles to learn of Christ? That story is told in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The reading of the life of Christ helps faith in Christ to spring up in our hearts. It makes us acquainted with Christ, and helps us to get ready to live with Him in the better world which is ahead.

2. (Please tell in your own words.) *Repentance*. To repent means more than being sorry for sins. In the words of a little girl, it is "being sorry enough to quit!" Repentance calls for a change of heart and life, for evil can never be taken into heaven. Some young people would like to go to heaven, but they want to hang on to certain sins. They do not want to completely surrender. How terrible it would be if each person were allowed to take just one sin into heaven. There would be millions of liars, thieves, drunkards, and immoral people. Heaven would no longer be heaven, but would have become like hell. The Bible tells us that people such as those are never going to be allowed

Preparation Chart

Topic studied? _____
Notice in the bulletin or church paper? _____
Cards or invitations mailed? _____
Poster made? _____
Special music arranged? _____
Talks distributed? _____
Hymn numbers to pianist and song leader? _____



in heaven, for they love evil instead of good, and prefer to serve the devil instead of God. On the other hand, we are told that when we become Christians we become "new creatures." The old life of sin has died, and we have been born anew into the family of God. Thereafter we seek to fashion our lives after Christ, and He becomes our model.

3. *Confession of Faith*. When the Ethiopian asked Philip why he might not be baptized immediately, Philip answered, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest," and the Ethiopian replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). That was the only confession of faith that the church asked in New Testament times as a requirement in becoming a Christian. Many ministers put the matter in this way when young people come forward to accept Christ: "Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and do you accept Him as your Saviour?"

When the person answers, "I do," it is like the vow which young people take when getting married, in that they promise to be faithful to each other as long as life shall last, or as when a foreigner, in becoming a citizen, takes the vow of loyalty to the nation of his choice, and renounces all former allegiance. Jesus

wanted the whole world to know who His followers were, so He said, "Whoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:36). Let us always be willing to acknowledge our faith in Christ.

4. *Baptism* was commanded as part of the plan of salvation in the "great commission," and when He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). It is an act of obedience, not to earn salvation, but to appropriate it. Even Paul had met Jesus on the Damascus road, it was said to him, "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). In Romans 6:3-6, baptism is pictured as portraying death of the old life, being buried with Christ, and rising to walk in newness of life. It is an act of submission to the will of Christ, and an indication that our own wills are ready to be subject to Him. You see, we will always be obedient to Christ, both in this world, and in the world beyond death.

5. *Faithfulness.* There isn't anything magical about baptism, which guarantees that we will be saved forever, regardless of how we may live thereafter. While past sins are canceled and held against us no more, it is necessary for us to be faithful to Christ until the end of life (Matthew 24:13). "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," said Jesus (Revelation 2:10). As a youngster who fell out of bed one night explained it, "I stayed too close to where I got in." We need to grow daily in the Christian life, and get farther and farther away from where we "got in." When a new Christian doesn't grow, but stays close to where he got in, it is very easy to slip back into the old life.

6. *Christian Growth.* When we start out the Christian life, we are just like a little child, but it is expected that we will grow. Peter admonishes Christians to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Paul was worried about the Corinthian Christians because they hadn't grown spiritually, and he had to feed them on milk (simple teachings) when they ought to have been ready for meat. I wonder how many of us are still on the "bottle," spiritually, when we ought to be learning the deeper things of the Christian life?

Questions for Discussion

1. Why are young people sometimes not interested in heaven?
2. What happens when evil is followed?
3. Are young people "good sports" if they enjoy God's world, but will not obey Him?
4. What will convince young people that they ought to accept Christ as their Saviour?
5. How can we best win our friends to Christ?

Now just not doing evil isn't growing any more than clearing a garden of weeds makes a crop of vegetables. There has to be good seed sown.

In our lives we will, of course, want to get rid of bad habits, but we will also want to sow good seeds, such as the knowledge of God, kindness, love, loyalty, forgiveness, self-control and service. These, and other virtues, will help us to mature spiritually, and we will become more and more like Christ. If we could suddenly see our spiritual statures, I wonder how tall we would be? Would we be dwarfs, normals, or giants?

Alternate Plan

Since the time of its beginning, eighty-three years ago, Christian Endeavor has been a uniting movement, exalting Jesus as Lord, the Bible as the Book of authority, and creating a fellowship made up of those from all churches. It has been a movement which has drawn closer together those of many viewpoints, and created within them the desire for the time to come when all of God's people would be one. There can be no doubt but that the present unity movement today among the churches has been influenced to a great extent by the ideal which was first placed in the hearts of their leaders when as young people they were members of Christian Endeavor societies.

Today there are more than 250 denominations, all conscious of the scandal of division, which are now thinking unity, and many of them are seeking some basis for unity and Christian union. This is leading them to go back to the New Testament to find what was in the New Testament church; they are studying the causes of division, and discovering that in most cases the churches have been divided, not over what was in the New Testament church, but what has been changed by men through the centuries.

Today young people are confused by the many conflicting plans of salvation. They find some churches are *facing the facts*, others are *dodging the facts*, choosing only what pleases them, while still others are *accepting the facts* and obeying them. When the churches are willing to let the Bible speak for itself in the matter of salvation, there will have been found the chief ground for unity, and lesser differences will in turn fall in line.

If you prefer not to use the comments provided in this topic, perhaps you would like to have the young people bring their Bibles and commentaries, and make a complete study of the plan of salvation, not dodging or ignoring Scripture, but really seeking to find what was asked by Jesus and the apostles, and required in the first century church. Perhaps your young people, as tomorrow's leaders, will guide Christendom into the unity for which Christ prayed.

Suggestions for Counselors

1. Encourage the shy ones to take part in every meeting, pointing out that only by participating regularly, if only in a small way, it will become easier for them to express themselves.
2. Do you have a number of young people who skip evening services, and head for a fountain or drive-in theater? Keep "loyalty to Christ and the Church" before them. Ask them to sit as a group in the choir. See if the minister will not use several of them each evening in the service.
3. Teach your young people how to read the Scripture beautifully. It is God who is speaking through them, and His message ought to get and hold the attention of the group.
4. Don't use a pianist who bungles the notes and makes the song service a joke of irritation. Have a good musician, even if you have to bring in some older person.
5. Get four or five young people to be "spark plugs," who will allow no long pauses during the discussion.
6. Put the questions for discussion on a chalkboard, so the young people will have a chance to think ahead, and have something good ready.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 17	Sin Is Universal	Psalms 1
T. Feb. 18	A Cure Foreseen	Isaiah 1
W. Feb. 19	The Need and Its Remedy	Romans 3:21-4
T. Feb. 20	Jesus Came to Seek and Save	Luke 19:1-
F. Feb. 21	God Has No Desire to Condemn	John 3:16-
S. Feb. 22	The Ability of Christ to Save	Hebrews 7:19-
Sun. Feb. 23—Topic:	Let's Face the Facts	Romans 5:1-2,6-11; 10:8-

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs of Phoenix, Arizona, a former minister, editor and seminary teacher; and the author of more than 30 books.

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

Through Christ I Can

Philippians 4:13
(Christian Endeavor Day)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Quiet Music

Song Service: *For Christ and the Church; Are Ye Able, Said the Master; Give of Your Best to the Master; I Surrender All; Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Sentence Prayers

Announcements and Offering

Responsive Reading: *Reasonable Service*, Romans 12 (No. 4 in *Christian Endeavor Songs*)

Vocal Solo: *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Leader's Talk

Development of the Topic

Vocal Solo: *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Closing Song: *Jesus Calls Us*

Benediction

Publicity

February 2 is Christian Endeavor Day. This is eighty-three years to the day since Christian Endeavor was founded by Francis E. Clark, February 2, 1881 in Portland, Maine.

Why not use the birthday motif to advertise the meeting? Prepare posters with the legend, *Christian Endeavor—83 Years Old, but Still Youthful*. Dress these up with the picture of a birthday cake full of candles. Include in addition data concerning the topic, time, place, etc. of the meeting. Mail out announcements of the meeting using birthday party invitations for this purpose.

For the Leader

Today's topic, *Through Christ I Can* is the biennial theme of International Christian Endeavor. The committee's thought in choosing this theme was that Christians, through the strength and the help available in Christ can do all things required of them to fulfill their calling. Each person has a calling or purpose in life. An important part of one's calling is his vocation or the occupation he follows in order to make a living (although it should be kept in mind that Christ can also be served during what is commonly referred to as "leisure" time). Ordinarily, youth and young

Theme Chorus Available

The chorus, "Through Christ I Can," written by Edward C. Steinhart and introduced at the Washington Convention, is now available on special 5½"x8½" chorus sheets. Cost is 5c each, 25c a dozen, \$1.50 per hundred. Order from the Publishing Department of the International Society.

adulthood are the periods in life when one chooses, makes preparation for, and begins his life's work. For this reason, today's topic may well be given over to a study of the various vocations which Christian youth should consider.

The topic may be handled in various ways. One would be to have a panel discussion of representative vocations. This can be done by the young people themselves or guests, who are actually engaged in these fields, could compose the panel with questions directed to them by members of the society.

A second way to develop the topic is to assign in advance to a selected number of society members vocations worthy of Christian consideration. They should do research on them. At the meeting each could make a brief talk on his assigned vocation or he could imagine that he was already engaged in it, and, using his imagination, dramatize the opportunities and problems connected with it.

Leader's Talk

Today's Scripture lesson consists of a single verse, Philippians 4:13 (read this verse).

When Paul wrote these words he was a prisoner, under house arrest awaiting trial in Rome. He did not know what the outcome would be. It might be acquittal, in which case he would resume his missionary labors. On the other hand the verdict might be "Guilty!" This could mean death at the hands of the headsman. Neither did Paul know when the issue would be disclosed. But none of these things mattered too much to him. He wrote (read Philippians 4:11). Whatever the outcome Paul could successfully cope with it, not because of any superhuman ability of his own but



because he was committed to Christ—*Through Christ I Can*, or as he put it, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

As young people, one thing which we must do in one manner or another is to make a choice of a life's occupation. This we can do and be successful and happy in it if we make the choice in response to Christ's guidance and rely upon his strength to enable us to accomplish our mission.

Topics for Discussion

1. The word *vocation* means a "calling." Much is said in religious circles concerning "calls" to service. One may be said to be "called" to preach, "called" to the mission field, etc.

Although God on particular occasions has called men in supernatural ways, this has been the exception rather than the rule. How then is one to know what vocation God desires him to follow?

One way to discern the place God has for a person in life is for the youth to take inventory of his abilities or talents. These differ but as there are many kinds of work to be done, this is good.

Men and women differ. Obviously if one is a girl, God does not intend for her to play the role of a father in life, nor a boy a mother. Sexual differences even go beyond these primary functions. In general a man is better fitted by virtue of his masculinity to occupy a pulpit, and a woman by reason of feminine qualities, to be a nurse. This is not to say that every man is qualified to be a minister and every woman a nurse, or that sex necessarily bars one or the other from these fields, but it should be considered in selecting a vocation.

There are other kinds of differences too. Some are intellectually gifted, some artistically or musically inclined, some

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have scientific genius, and others, mechanical skill. Physical characteristics and limitations are also to be considered.

So it is through natural endowments, in part, that God calls us for he never expects a man to do something that it is absolutely impossible for him to do.

2. A second element in discerning the call of God in regard to a vocation are the opportunities which he presents to one for following a given vocation. This is brought out in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Contrary to common opinion, the *talents* in this parable do not represent abilities. Rather, they are to be interpreted as opportunities (See v. 15).

Paul, on his second missionary journey, possessed the ability to preach in Asia, but since in the providence of God the time was then ripe for evangelizing in Macedonia and Achaia, God did not afford him an opportunity for an extended ministry in Asia at that time. (See Acts 16:6-17.)

Recently a family of missionary recruits was denied visas to enter and serve in India. On the other hand an opportunity to open up new fields appeared in Ethiopia, long a land neglected by missionaries. Might this not be interpreted as the call of God to this family?

A young minister is looking for a pastorate. He desires to locate in the vicinity of a university so that he may complete work on an advanced degree, or, a metropolitan area looks inviting as a field of service. His attempts to locate in both of these places are futile. Instead he is invited to a small city where the church is wracked by dissension and there is need for the development of a broader, more charitable spirit. Did Providence direct him to this ministry?

The Pilgrims intended to settle in Virginia. Instead they were deflected from this destination and landed instead on Plymouth Rock. Life in sunny Virginia was quite different from the hardships faced in stern New England. Was this God's way of adding a certain rigorous vigor to the future United States?

3. A third element in the choice of a vocation is the question whether one has or can attain the preparation necessary for the successful pursuit of the contemplated occupation.

Because there are elements common to all vocations and besides the very young and the immature are usually not in a position to wisely determine their proper life's work, a certain amount of general preparation is advisable. This

Questions for Discussion

1. Paul said that he was "content." This was written when he was a prisoner. Is contentment always justified? Give reasons for your position.
2. What are some factors to be considered in choosing a vocation?
3. What part should financial remuneration play in choosing a vocation?
4. How can the call of God to a particular vocation or field of service be recognized?
5. Is the practice of urging young people to dedicate their lives to "fulltime" Christian service justified? What is involved in one's initial commitment to Christ when he makes the confession of faith? Is there properly a distinction between "fulltime" and some other kind of Christian service? If so what is it?

is offered in elementary and junior high levels of the public school system. By the time one reaches high school it is well to determine whether his abilities are such as to make it profitable for him to aspire to college. If such proves to be the case, his high school career both in the choice of subjects and in excellence of achievement should be such that when he graduates he will not be barred from college entrance.

Even on the college level, one should have a considerable exposure to learning in a number of fields. This will give an individual a better understanding of the world. In other words he will be an educated person rather than a trained technician. He also will be in a better position to choose intelligently his field of specialization. Further, having this versatility, he will be more able to adapt himself to changing conditions. One reason why there are so many unemployed when the country is experiencing prosperity is because they did not prepare themselves for demanding occupations, or their preparation was too narrow.

Abraham Lincoln said, "I will study hard and get ready. Then my chance will come." Youth should heed his advice!

4. Idealism should have a place in the choice of a vocation. Certainly financial remuneration should be a minor consideration for a Christian. If one has food and covering he should therewith be content.

It is not necessary to believe that every Christian must dedicate his life to "fulltime Christian service," that is, in the sense that he will be a professional religious worker such as a minister or a missionary. These are noble callings and certainly consecrated young people should consider such possibilities.

But opportunities for Christian service are not so narrow. Even though there is in the United States a separation of church and state which makes the direct teaching of Christianity in the public schools illegal, even this limitation can not prevent the dedicated Christian teacher from sharing something of his philosophy, morals, and ideals with his pupils.

Healing sick minds and bodies, feeding hungry mouths, clothing naked waifs, encouraging the lonely and discouraged, yes, even providing as simple a service as a cup of cold water, when done in the name of Christ, are all forms of Christian service. It is not so much the occupation that one follows, as the attitude which he displays, which determines whether his is a Christian vocation, calling from God.

Of course both from a practical and an idealistic standpoint, the value of a specific occupation is to be considered. Some types of work will soon be obsolete. Why invest one's life in one of these? Others may be beneath one's potential while honorable and lucrative enough in themselves, but why waste one's talents?

Nor should one be afraid as a youth to set one's goal high. This may involve long years of arduous preparation. The financial barriers may seem insurmountable. But remember, if God has called you, you can realize your vocation—*Through Christ I Can*.

Suggestions for Further Activities

Christian Endeavor Day may be observed through the presentation of the evening church service by the Christian Endeavor societies. Of course this should be worked out with the consent and cooperation of the minister.

One way to do this would be to have the young people conduct the entire service. In place of the sermon, brief talks on the theme *Through Christ I Can* could be given. Another alternative would be to substitute a dramatization of the founding of Christian Endeavor for the sermon. Helps for such a service may be found in the Christian Endeavor Week Packet.

After the service, a Christian Endeavor birthday cake might be served by the young people to the congregation in the church social rooms.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Jan. 27 Providing Able Men Exodus 18:1-27
T. Jan. 28 Giving as Able Deuteronomy 16:16-17
W. Jan. 29 The Lord Is Able II Chronicles 25:1-4
T. Jan. 30 Believe in Christ's Power Matthew 9:27-31
F. Jan. 31 He Is Able to Save Hebrews 7:24-28
S. Feb. 1 Each One's Ability Matthew 25:14-29
Sun. Feb. 2—Topic: *Through Christ I Can* Philippians 4:13
(Christian Endeavor Day)

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Attitudes toward Money

How Much Is His?

Matthew 22:15-22



To the Counselor

More time must always be spent in preparation than in anything else pertaining to the topic presentation and you must aid the devotional chairman in seeing the leader gets it done. This probably will mean the leader will have to meet with you or the devotional committee in going over the topic material and preparing a plan of action. Remember Christian Endeavor is leadership training so let the leader know you will be willing to help him prepare. Don't do it for him, but see he is instructed properly and that he understands what is expected of him.

To the Leader

Remember, Christian Endeavorer, the devotional committee has selected you to present the Word of God to your fellow Christian Endeavorers! This is a privilege and must be treated as such. All privileges bring responsibilities, so accept yours and pray about them continually as you prepare to give this topic.

If you plan carefully and carry out your plans with action, you may inspire some young people to take a serious step in their spiritual lives. *Yes, even you can do this!* So, cherish the privilege that is yours as a leader. *Use it wisely!*

Although this meeting is a novelty meeting, if it is presented with the purpose of challenging the members of your Christian Endeavor Society to consider regular giving it will be a long-talked-about and remembered meeting.

Planning Procedure

Since the television panel type programs are so popular and well known, this type of presentation could easily be adapted for your meeting. You will probably notice that a combination of several of these programs has been used to produce the following meeting plan. Further adaption may have to be used when it is used by your own Christian Endeavor society.

There are four areas in which you as the leader will have to spend some time on preparation and assisting your guests and panel. You will be the only one who will know the entire procedure, otherwise the element of guessing the fictional characters' identity will be removed. Yet you must keep each panel member and guest well informed on their part of the program. The leader will also take the part of the moderator, since he will be correlating the entire program. Let's title these four areas as: props, panel, guests, and Scripture references.

PROPS: The following things must be collected ahead of time and set up in readiness for the meeting.

1. A mike, or something that would represent a microphone to be used by the announcer or moderator.
2. A small table and a chair for the moderator.
3. A long table and four chairs for the panel.
4. Another long table and enough chairs for each guest to have one.
5. Numbered cards placed in front of each guest's place.
6. A chalkboard, chalk, and eraser.
7. A bell or flip card to notify panelists of the time limit.
8. A watch or clock to keep track of the time.
9. Flash cards with guest's name providing you choose to let the Christian Endeavor audience know the identity of the mystery guests.
10. Grease-pens or crayons to mark on the white cards.
11. Sixteen large white cards for the panelists to mark their decisions.
12. The moderator and panel members should make a special effort to "dress-up". This will help create an atmosphere and help to set the stage for the entire program.
13. If the guests could dress in costumes portraying the mystery guest they are representing it will make this meeting unforgettable! Here are a few examples for costuming to start your thinking.

Miss Token Given could appropriately be wearing a dress covered with play money. Play money in both currency and coins can be purchased at any variety store. It could be attached in many ways such as, sewing, plastic-tape, or pins.

Miss Tipper could use coin accessories with her costume such as, a coin necklace, bracelet, belt, and decorated shoes and hat with coins. Coins are very often used in accessories, so with some scouting around you will find many items you can borrow from your own Christian Endeavor members, church members, family, and friends.

Mr. Tither has many interesting possibilities for his attire. He could use the ten per cent symbol to decorate his clothing, have the folder *What Is the Tenth Legion?* attached to his clothing and sticking out his pockets. He could be a walking billboard with a Tenth Legion pledge card enlargement drawn on his billboards. Poster board would make excellent billboards and could be hung from the shoulders with any type of material for straps.

Mr. Second-Miler could certainly come dressed in athletic attire. Many young

men have track or gym clothes or would have easy access of this type of clothing.

PANEL: Your panel should consist of at least two young people. They should be well known to the group such as your top officers. Wise choices might be your president, vice president, or treasurer. Then select at least two adult guests from your church. Perhaps the church treasurer and the chairman of the church stewardship committee could be asked to be panelists.

Each panel member should be given a list of questions he could ask the guests. These questions should be given to each panelist at least a week ahead of time and the leader must explain they can inject their own personality and humor into the quizzing but they must get the specific point across in their period of questioning. The panelists can be told that each mystery guest represents the various concepts of giving found in most groups. Their questions will try to reveal the correct title each guest is portraying before the time limit is reached.

Questions such as these could be used:

1. Can your account of giving stand the review of God?
2. Are you a good Christian Steward?
3. What is Christian Stewardship?
4. Is tithing a test of faith?
5. Do you think there is such a thing as an unhappy tither?
6. Are tithing Christians, dedicated Christians?
7. What do you believe is God's share of your income?
8. Do you believe in tipping or tithing?
9. What part of your income belongs to God?
10. Have you ever studied what the Bible says about stewardship?
11. Have you ever thought about how Jesus felt about the tithe?
12. What does it say about proportionate giving in I Corinthians 16:2?
13. How many times did Jesus mention the tithe?
14. Should we "give to get"?
15. Is the tithe the maximum of Christian stewardship?
16. Does stewardship concern itself with just the giving of money?
17. Is tithing soul satisfying?
18. How many of Jesus' parables deal with the right and wrong use of money?
19. Where is a good starting place for giving for the new Christian?

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GUESTS: Use Christian Endeavor members for mystery guests. The members you will select will represent the following fictional characters with various concepts of giving to God. This list includes four and they are: *Miss Token-Giver*, *Miss Tipper*, *Mr. Tither*, and *Mr. Second-Miler*.

Each guest will have to be selected far enough in advance, to allow them adequate time to study the characteristics of the fictional person they are to portray. Be sure to give them a copy of the program procedure and a copy of the questions you have given the panel members. This is absolutely necessary because they must consider each question according to the concept they are acting out. The better the guests are prepared and the more they examine the different concepts of giving, will help to determine how exciting and helpful this program will be to your Christian Endeavor society.

The guests may require additional help in regard to the answers they will give in the program. Have them always keep in mind the fictional characters they are representing as they review the questions. The Scripture references found in the list below are selected to help them in understanding the Bible's position on Christian stewardship. After reading the program procedure, the list of questions, and the Scripture references, they may still need further guidance. So, a final step you as a leader can take to help them is to set a time when you, the guests, and the counselor, can go over a few of the questions and cite sample answers each guest might give. For instance question number one could be used. If a panelist should ask *Miss Token-Giver*, "Can your account of giving stand the review of God?" She might answer by saying, "No, I am afraid God would see only tokens of appreciation given whenever my mood indicated I should give, but I never have committed myself on anything and I have never given sacrificially."

When the same question is addressed to *Miss Tipper*, she would answer, "I will have to be honest with you I would be very ashamed since my giving to the Church has certainly been on the short-end."

Of course *Mr. Tither* could say, "Yes, I believe I have taken forward strides in my giving and I am trying to do my best."

If *Mr. Second-Miler* was asked this question, his answer would be a happy, "Yes, I am aware God knows how much

I give and I try to do my very best at all times."

For another example, let's use question number thirteen. How many times did Jesus mention the title? *Miss Token-Giver* would answer, "I'm sorry I don't know, I've never taken the time to find best."

Miss Tipper would alibi with, "I am sure Christ does not give a commandment concerning tithing in the New Testament."

Mr. Tither would say, "Christ mentions the tithe only twice, once in Luke 18:12 in the reply to the Pharisee and again in Matthew 23:23 when Jesus warns the Scribes and Pharisees."

Mr. Second-Miler would comment on "The right or wrong use of money was a theme used by Christ in twelve of his thirty-eight parables, although he only mentions the tithe twice."

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: This area has been placed last not because it is last in importance, but because it must be studied by all the participating members in this topic presentation. The leader must see that everyone concerned with the topic has a list of these Scripture references and should be asked to read them before he begins studying his particular part. These Scriptures will give the background for the questions and answers to be given by the panelists and mystery guests.

1. Matthew 22:15-22; How much is His?
2. Luke 12:13-21; To have is not to live.
3. Luke 16:10-13; God or Mammon?
4. II Corinthians 8:9; Because of us He became poor.
5. Mark 8:36,37; How much are you worth?
6. Matthew 23:23; Jesus warning to the Scribes and Pharisees.
7. Luke 18:9-14; Parable of the Pharisees.
8. Genesis 28:22; Jacob's vow.
9. I Corinthians 16:2; Proportionate giving.
10. Luke 12:48; Stewardship of abilities.

Program Procedure

The following plan will give an outline of the program and the instructions to each participant.

MODERATOR: This is preferably the leader who co-ordinates the entire program. He will begin of course by stating the name of the program, *How Much Is His?* He will then introduce each member of the panel, with their name and respective office. Some programs have the moderator introduce the first panelist and then each panelist introduces the panelist seated next to him, etc. then the last panelist introduces the moderator. After the introductions the rules should be given along with any instructions to the audience and participants.

GUESTS: Immediately following the introductions of the panel, the mystery guests come in one at a time. As each guest comes in they will sign their own name on the chalkboard. The moderator will then introduce them to the panel. Then the guest whispers the name of the character he is

portraying to the moderator. The moderator then states: "Susie Brown is portraying a fictional character tonight and it is up to the panel to guess what the title of the character might be. Her dress does represent the character of the type of giver she is portraying."

Each of the four guests should be introduced in a similar manner, however using a little variety in each introduction, so it does not become too repetitious. As soon as all the guests are introduced and seated, the moderator asks one of the panel to begin the questioning.

PANEL: Each panelist will ask the question of his choice and direct it to one of the mystery guests. He may direct the same question to each guest or ask a new question. He will continue to ask questions until his time is used. He will always address each mystery guest by the number placed in front of their respective position. At all times the panelist must keep in mind that the answers they will receive will reflect the character the guests are portraying not their own personal belief.

After each panelist has finished his questioning period he will write down what he believes is the identity of the mystery guests corresponding with their number. Then the moderator will call for the final decision from each panelist and place his guess on the chalkboard. It will be very interesting to see how close each panelist comes in guessing the names you have selected for your guests.

TIMING: This program presentation will have to be handled just as a radio or television program handles the time limit of their programs. The leader must set down a time schedule and be sure everyone respects this schedule. He should allow enough time for the introductions of both panel and guests. Then the remaining time can be divided equally and allotted to each panelist for questioning. Each panelist will be timed by the moderator and when his time is up a bell or flip card can be used to indicate it is time for the next panelist to begin.

Station breaks, and commercials could be used for announcement time, prayer, offertory, etc. These items that must be done could be cleverly worked in these time slots.

ALTERNATE CLOSING: If the panel does not guess the titles of the guests, the Christian Endeavor audience could be given an opportunity to try to guess. This audience participation could be used in Christian Endeavor societies where they have a long program time allotted them. Otherwise the Christian Endeavor audience could be shown on a flash card the name of the guest, and he whispers his name to the moderator. It is positively sure that the panel can not hear the whispering or see the flash card when it is shown.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Feb. 3 Ancient Transaction
Jeremiah 32:6-15
T. Feb. 4 Jacob, the Tither Genesis 28:10-22
W. Feb. 5 God Gives in Return Malachi 3:6-12
T. Feb. 6 Early Christian Giving Acts 11:22-26
F. Feb. 7 Systematic Setting Aside I Corinthians 16:1-11
S. Feb. 8 A Cheerful Giver II Corinthians 9:1-15
Sun. Feb. 9—Topic: *How Much Is His?* Matthew 22:15-22

Comments by Mrs. Ray Pulsifer, who with her husband is counselor of the high school society of the Christian Church in Redmond, Oregon

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Attitudes toward Money

Infected Affections

I Timothy 6:6-11

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Call to Worship: Psalm 59:1,2
 Song Service: *Hallelujah! What a Saviour; He Leadeth Me; My Saviour's Love*
 Scripture Reading: I Timothy 6:6-11
 Prayer Song: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart*
 Sentence Prayers
 Announcements
 Leader's Introduction
 Talks on the Topic
 Discussion Time
 Closing Song: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
 Offering
 Benediction

Tips to the Leader

Under alternate presentations you will have a choice of three types of topic presentations. However, each one takes careful planning and adequate study by the leader. Let's say you were asked to give a talk before the student body! What would you do? You would plan and plan some more. You would study your outline over and over. You would rehearse it in front of your parents, your brothers and sisters, and even your best friend. You would practice in front of a mirror to see if you had the right facial expressions and the right gestures. You would memorize the outline so that you wouldn't forget a point. You would do all these things and maybe even more if you were giving a speech before the student body! Can you as a Christian Endeavor leader do any less for Christ?

Alternate Presentations

This topic can be adapted and presented in three different ways. The use of the "buzz session" method is very effective and the five topics under *Leader's Talk* could easily be used as five different "buzz sessions". For those who might be unfamiliar with this type of presentation, a short explanation is necessary. Divide the entire Christian Endeavor society into five small groups, which gather in five different places, to discuss the topic given to them. Each group appoints a spokesman and a secretary. The secretary takes notes and the spokesman reports the decisions of the group at the sharing session. This method will bring the topic to each young person in practical terms since it is discussed by them and they share their ideas on the subject.

The five topics could be given to five different leaders and each leader will develop one of the topics into a short talk.

Perhaps the most effective presentation would be an inspiring talk given by some very enthusiastic young person who sin-

cerely seeks to serve God. In order for a talk to be inspirational the leader must first be convinced of what he is saying and his life should be a living testimony.

Leader's Talk

Introduction: Today, more than ever before, we need clear-cut standards of living. Yes, teen-agers need a guide such as Jesus Christ to give their lives meaning and direction. Everywhere in the world today there are places and things thrown at the teen-ager that tear down character and destroy our sense of values. Even the youth who is trying so hard to do what is right, often does not know where to turn or who to go to for good advice. Of course as Christian young people we are very fortunate because we have the Bible to show us the correct way to live and we have Christ's example and teachings to guide our path. Many teen-agers do not use Christ as their guide so they must use worldly sources and examples. Christ knew what could happen if we used these standards of living and has given us good solid rules to live by daily. If we desire to be strong dedicated Christians and have a true sense of value we must be careful to always put Christ and His Kingdom first in our lives.

As teen-agers, we have dangers to watch for and yet if we learn to discipline our life early for Christ, our life will accomplish great things for Him! Just as a great athlete must obey training rules to excel, a Christian teen-ager must devote his life to doing the things that will please God. In the following talks there are five areas of teen-age living worth considering and thinking about.

Talks on the Topic

Let's Talk about "Things"

If you ask a teen-ager what he did last weekend, his reply will probably be, "Oh, things!" Or you might ask "What did you get for your birthday?" His answer would be, "Lots of things." Or perhaps you inquire about what he has been doing in school, immediately his answer is, "We've been studying about all kinds of things." The teen-age world is centered around "things."

Immediately, we want to know just what are things? The definition of the word thing is: "Any object, thought, or deed." The word "thing" has a lot of meaning to everyone and yet it seems out of proportion in many lives. For instance, many temptations come to a teen through "it's the thing to do" attitude. Everybody is doing it, so it must be all right! Beware of this type of standard! Remember the standard Christ set in Luke 16:13. We must make a choice between God or Mammon. After this choice is made the things we do will be determined by the master we have chosen to serve.



In this day and age of intense advertising we are plagued by the tyranny of things. We are told by the advertisement, that to own a certain thing means instant success, popularity, or happiness. Many times the commercial will indicate that by using a particular thing we will gain romance! The teen-ager and many adults are misled by this trend toward the tyranny of things. Let's consider the Scripture Luke 12:15 (read this verse). This Scripture certainly makes us take another look. Does it mean that John isn't a better date than Jim? After all, John has a '61 Olds and if you date Jim you have to walk or be taken by his folks. How about Sue as a girl friend, she doesn't have cashmere sweaters or a lot of clothes but she is always there when you need her.

We must be sure the things we own, don't own us! Many times a friend can't attend Christian Endeavor because he states he must wash his car! A planning retreat must be missed because that's the only weekend we can go to the city to select some new clothes. We must be careful "things" do not get in the way of our Christian life.

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In Philippians 4:8, there are some things mentioned that are well worth our consideration. If things are used for Christ's service or to glorify His kingdom they are worth having, such as using that car to transport ourselves and other young people to church functions or to put a definite part of our allowance in the church offering each week.

Let's Talk about "Status Symbols"

What about "status symbols", they don't affect me, as a teen-ager! Oh yes, they do, the other day a friend was explaining how he had decided on his career, it was determined by the amount of money he would earn after graduating from college. Not once did he say anything about his opportunity for service to mankind, the zeal or talent he had for this particular work, or the satisfaction he as a person would receive by doing this job. We live in an era where "the get-rich-quick attitude" prevails! (Read Mark 8:36.) We don't need "status seekers", we need dedicated doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and homemakers.

One of the "status symbols" of today deals with ownership. If you are a "money-making genius", then you can own a fancy car, house, swimming pool, etc. the list is endless. Matthew 6:19-21; warns us about earthly treasures but challenges us to build toward heavenly treasure.

Are we aware that we belong to God? In I Corinthians 6:19,20, it is made plain (read these verses).

Let's Talk about Time

To many the clock has become their center of worship. Have you ever asked someone to attend Christian Endeavor and have them answer, "Oh, I just don't have enough time, I need to study Sunday evenings." It makes us wonder what they did Friday and Saturday evening. Do we have time for God?

Time is defined in many different ways, Benjamin Franklin said, "Time is money." and Longfellow said, "Time is the life of the soul." "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24. Time belongs to God! How have we decided to use God's time?

If we have ever had the responsibility in Christian Endeavor of asking other young people to serve as an officer, assist on a committee, or have devotions for a party, we have received many excuses why teen-agers can't accept the position.

If we think about these excuses, a large percentage would come under the heading of time. "I just don't have enough time to be a good officer", "A committee member, no sir, I spend all my time studying", "I can't give the devotions this week my time is all used up with other activities", these are just a few statements we could mention. Sound familiar? Yet each one of us has been given twenty-four hours a day to live on, how we use that time is up to us. Many items have been written about budgeting our money, but what about our time? If we budget our time carefully we can give time to God's kingdom each day.

Let's Talk about "Popularity"

Popularity, why talk about popularity? I'll tell you why, this is one of the most dangerous things we as teen-agers have to face. What does teen-age popularity have to do with infected affections, you ask, well some teen-agers, yes many teen-agers will sacrifice a lot just to gain popularity.

What's wrong with popularity, nothing as long as the price to gain it was not too high. What is popularity? A short concise definition of a popular person is one "possessing the confidence and favor of people or a set of people." Everyone wants to be liked and to have friends. God understands this, in Proverbs 18:24, it states (read this verse).

If popularity is our only goal then we will be a slave to popularity! This desire will control our every action and decision. Many times when we talk about popularity we never consider with whom we want to gain approval. The crowd at school, the gang in our neighborhood, or the Christian Endeavor group? Is it a godless crowd we seek to please? Or are we busy gaining favor with the right crowd, the crowd that seeks to please God?

Let's Talk about "Legal Tender"

Should teen-agers be expected to part with a portion of their money when they really don't have a steady income? In Luke 16:10 it is made very plain that we must start right now with what we have and set aside a portion as our gift to God.

For Discussion Time

1. Mention attitudes prevalent in school and on the job that are infecting and dangerous.
2. Is the practice of giving to God first a help in conducting all of life's affairs in a Christian way?

Banks encourage children to start savings accounts and to learn to save the money when they are young. Why, because they will learn the value of saving early and will continue this practice into adulthood. Why should we give? Jesus talked a lot about man and his possessions, because he was trying to make us realize how they could affect our Christian living. For instance when Jesus asked the rich young man in Mark 10:17-22; to give away his riches to the poor, was he thinking of the poor who would profit? Or was he thinking more of the young man?

Our attitudes concerning our money can affect our whole life in serving Christ.

Conclusion

We have talked about some vital areas in a teen-ager's life. Areas that if we are not careful can lead us away from Christ, rather than strengthen us to Christ. However, we may be surprised to find there is Scripture that will help guide us in all these areas. It is always amazing to most teen-agers to discover that the Bible gives liveable advice. Many sources give beautiful advice but we know it is not applicable to our life. The most wonderful thing about the Bible is, it was written for us and it certainly can be applied to our daily lives.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Feb. 10 Covetousness and False Dealings
Jeremiah 6:6-10
- T. Feb. 11 Covetousness Camouflaged
Ezekiel 33:23-33
- W. Feb. 12 To Have Is Not to Live
Luke 12:13-21
- T. Feb. 13 Greed Is Not Good
I Timothy 3:1-9
- F. Feb. 14 God or Mammon?
Luke 16:10-15
- S. Feb. 15 Coveting Causes Trouble
I Kings 21:1-14
- Sun. Feb. 16—Topic: Infected Affections
I Timothy 6:6-10

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Becoming a Christian

Youth Want to Know

Romans 3:23-28; 5:1-14

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Call to Worship: Romans 4:16a (end with word *sure*)
 Hymns: *Love Divine; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.
 Scripture Reading: Romans 3:23-28; 5:1-14
 Prayer
 Announcements and Offering
 Leader's Introduction
 Television Program: "Youth Wants to Know" (A panel of young people interview the Pastor concerning the way to become a Christian as set forth in Romans 3:23-28, and 5:1-14)
 Benediction Prayers
 Hymn: *Amazing Grace*
 Benediction

For Publicity

Make a poster, setting forth in bold letters, *The Greatest Thing in Life . . . Is Not . . . Fame . . . Fortune . . . Friends . . . but Your Relationship to God*. Then letter the time, place of meeting, leader, etc.
 Or, similarly set up postal cards, and send to each member of the society. Or better yet, do both.

To the Leader

1. Earnestly ask God to guide you in preparing this topic.
 The concepts of our topic today are the most important concepts we can face. They are to each one of us more important than money, world problems, or lifework. These concepts concern the relationship of each human soul to God. Because these concepts are so important, we want to be absolutely certain of them. Therefore you, in presenting this topic, have a deep responsibility. Perhaps a conference with your Pastor concerning this topic could be arranged.
2. We have suggested that the Pastor take part in a simulated television program, *Youth Want to Know*. Ask him at least two weeks in advance to take his part.
3. Ask three of the most serious and capable members of the society to take part in the television program as the interviewers. Have them study this topic at least two weeks in advance, that their questions may be meaningful and sincere.

4. Assign all other activities at least a week in advance.

5. Do not hesitate to seek help to understand passages that might seem difficult. It is most important that *you* understand the material, if you are to present it to others. Your Pastor will doubtless be happy to loan books to you, if you need them.

A Glossary of Terms

Romans 3:23-28

Verse 23, *sin*—thought or action contrary to God, which is caused by an inner state or condition of heart.

Verse 24, *justified*—made righteous, or accounted righteous (legally so) by God. Does *not* mean (as in popular usage today) that a wrong done under duress should be excused, or go unpunished.

Verse 24, *freely*—"without a cause" (so translated in John 15:25).

Verse 24, *redemption*—"to deliver by paying a price."

Verse 25, *propitiation*—translation of an Old Testament word which meant "mercy seat."

Verse 25, *remission*—usually means forgiveness, but here a temporary dealing is evident.

Verse 27, *law*—used with at least four distinct shades of meaning in the Book of Romans. Often meaning the whole Old Testament, or the Law of Moses as epitomized in the Ten Commandments (cf. verse 28), here it means a *rule*, or *pattern of operation*.

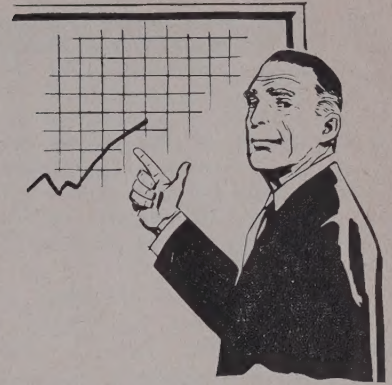
Romans 5:1-14

Verse 1, *peace with God*—salvation. The "peace of God" ("peace which passeth all understanding") follows *peace with God*.

Verse 2, *grace*—God's love in action. God's giving Himself to men, who deserve everlasting punishment.

Verse 10, *reconcile*—to change thoroughly, or to be conformed to God's standard.

Verse 11, *atonement*—actually the same root in the original language is used here as is translated *reconciled* in verse 10. It should be translated *reconciled*.



The Book of Romans

The Epistle of St. Paul to the Church at Rome was written from Corinth on the eve of his departure for Jerusalem, taking with him gifts to the Christian poor at Jerusalem from the churches of Macedonia and Achaia. St. Paul had never visited the Church at Rome, indeed, we do not know any details of the founding of that church. But, St. Paul longed to visit them "to impart unto them some spiritual gift;" and he purposed to do so after the visit to Jerusalem (Romans 1:10,11). He little realized then that he would indeed visit Rome, but chained to a Roman soldier, and in great tribulation. Rome, we believe, was finally the place of his martyrdom.

The Book of Romans is logical, and clear cut. The language is precise, sometimes technical. Here is the most systematic and detailed presentation of God's *Plan of Salvation* in the entire New Testament. The great doctrines of grace, so bitterly contested by the Judaizers, are clearly set forth. The Church at Rome was, of course, a Gentile church, and here the Gospel of the Grace of God is presented in its widest application.

The Book falls into three divisions: the first (chapters 1-8) is the great section on the doctrine (or teaching) of salvation; the second section (chapters 9-11) has been called *dispensational*, for here St. Paul explains how God's promises to the Jews in the Old Testament still hold true, and he related these promises to the promises which belong to the Church; the third section (chapters 12-16) is practical and personal.

Someone, trying to present in the simplest terms the teaching of the first eight chapters has suggested a three-fold outline: (1) man is bad, but (2) God can make him good, and (3) keep him good.

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The twelfth chapter with its lofty appeal to Christian living has been adopted as the *Christian Endeavor Chapter*. We thrill to the opening challenge, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." No person can honestly consider this chapter without being challenged to a more noble life.

God's Terms for Becoming a Christian

St. Paul in our Scripture lesson carefully sets forth the need of each human heart: "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." We are in need. Each human being is less than God has required him to be. In short, man is a sinner and in need of salvation.

But the Great Apostle shows that God has provided salvation in Christ Jesus. He is our Mercy-seat. He is the Place of Meeting between God and man. Not only men living today, but all of those who believe in God centuries before the Cross are justified (made righteous) only through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. God's righteousness in not bringing swift retribution on sins before the Cross is now set forth by the Cross.

And, these infinite benefits come to man only through faith. Faith is the opposite of works (cf. Romans 4:5). "A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Romans 3:28).

God's demand is not to believe *and pray* in order to be saved. It is not to believe *and witness*. It is not even to believe *and confess* (study carefully Romans 10:9,10). These good works follow as naturally as breathing to a new born infant. God's sole demand from man is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . ." (Acts 16:31). In five different ways in Ephesians 2:8, 9 the Apostle Paul reiterates that salvation is of God: "(1) For by grace are ye saved (2) through faith; (3) and that not of yourselves; (4) it is the gift of God; (5) not of works, lest any man should boast."

Love for God causes the man of faith to want to live a life well pleasing to God. Not only is our access to the grace of God wholly by faith—we also *stand* in this grace (Romans 5:2), and look forward with joy and in hope to the glory with Christ. Though tribulation may be our lot now, we recognize a chain of providence which goes through tribulation to patience, from patience to

Questions for Discussion

1. If the love of God will not make a man live for God, will the fear of hell do it?
2. Why so often do people want to insist on presenting their own works to God for salvation, rather than trusting in the work of Christ?
3. Is not presenting our own work to God instead of believing in Christ's work really insulting Christ, and treating the Cross with disrespect?
4. If salvation were even partly of our own doing, could we ever have real assurance that we had done enough?

experience, and from experience to hope. And in hope we are not ashamed.

Leader's Introduction

"Youth Wants to Know." Thank God that he does! The title of an old book for young people was, "Youth with a Capital Why." Questions are the *right* of young people, and the right to an honest and satisfying answer is theirs, too. Longfellow observed, "The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

Especially, young people want to know about life, about love, about God, and about eternity. The great Apostle Paul presents God's *Plan of Salvation* with telling logic in the Book of Romans. He censures the Church at Corinth because of disorders and an evil testimony. To the Churches in Galatia he speaks out against legalism. To the Church at Colosse he warns against a false mysticism. Others of his letters are more personal and intimate. And all of St. Paul's letters have deep doctrinal content; but in the Roman Letter the Great Apostle presents the grace of God in His work for men as no other letter does.

To the seeking soul the Book of Romans cannot be exhausted. Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse began his ministry as a young man in a church in Philadelphia. He preached on a successive passage from the Book of Romans every Sunday evening he was in his pulpit until he died—and only finished half the Book! The sermons are published in seven volumes; the first three book titles are, *Man's Ruin*, *God's Wrath*, and *God's Remedy*.

Yet the Book of Romans is not ponderous and dreary, but crisp and to the point. It clearly answers the questions that youth wants to know concerning the way to become a Christian.

First, it carefully presents the *need*. The verse from our Scripture lesson for today is plain, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (3:23). A parallel verse speaks also of God's provision: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (6:23).

The *basis* of God's gift of eternal life is clearly set forth as the Cross. Verse 24 of chapter 3 of our lesson says, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. . . ." In every day words of today this means: "We are made righteous without a cause on our part through the payment of the price for us by Christ on Calvary." The passage goes on to show that the Cross of Christ is the *only* basis for a relationship to God, even the Old Testament saints who died in faith before the Cross.

Then St. Paul lays down the *steps* or *condition* of salvation, which is belief in Christ. One hundred and fifty times the New Testament salvation is made simply to depend on *faith* or *belief* (two words are used interchangeably). Several of these instances are in today's Scripture. One of them is verse 28 of Chapter 3, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

Chapter five goes on to safeguard God's holiness from the perverted notion that salvation by grace gives the receiver the right to live in sin. Paul was accused of teaching just that, and in chapter six he faces his accusers with strong words: "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid." St. Paul makes it plain that one lives *for* God because he is God's child and loves Him, *not* in order to become God's child.

Project Suggestion

This topic could provide the background for an evangelism project to be carried out just before Easter. Suggestions for such a project may be found at the beginning of the *Ready-for-YOUTH Resources* section of this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 17	Salvation Is of God	Psalms 27:1-6
T. Feb. 18	Through Christ	John 10:1-10
W. Feb. 19	Possible for All Men	Acts 2:1-21
T. Feb. 20	Pardon Promised	I John 1:1-10
F. Feb. 21	Remission of Sins	Luke 3:1-17
S. Feb. 22	No Condemnation	Romans 8:1-14
Sun. Feb. 23	Topic: Youth Want to Know Romans 3:23-28: 5:1-11	

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for February

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

Christian Endeavor (two topics)

Note: The first topic in this series appeared in the December issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Three Great "Inters"
Acts 2:42,46,47; 12:11,12; Romans 12:4,5

Christian Endeavor has been noted for its three great "Inters"—interdenominational, interracial, and international. In the opening chapters of Acts we learn one of the secrets of the Early Church, that of fellowship. The third principle of Christian Endeavor is "Fellowship with Christ's People." Great Christian Endeavor conventions, rallies, and conferences have crossed denominational, racial, and national barriers, showing this fellowship in Christ. It is often said the Good Shepherd has His sheep in several folds, but they form only one flock. Give examples where Christian Endeavor fellowship has been a blessing to your life. What benefits are derived from Christian fellowship with people of other races or nations? If one does not agree with the principles and practices of another denomination or communion should he fellowship with them?

Interpersonal Relationships (two topics)

Our Racial Opportunity

Acts 17:24-28; John 13:33-38

Daily we are witnesses for Christianity. Our relationships with others reveal its

quality and practical value. Does our attitude toward others who are "different" speak for Christ? Our very reactions toward those of other races—and certainly our practices—reflect our depth of belief in His teachings. Racial tensions represent one of our greatest social problems. How can Christians assist? Your race has a responsibility toward other races. How are you meeting it? Antagonisms toward other races vary according to geographical area. Identify several. Name underlying causes of the problem. What steps should be taken toward intelligent solutions? Discuss the assertion that 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America. What are the implications? The challenges? What is the Christian way to prove that one's race can be "superior"?

2. Our Social Opportunity

Matthew 5:38-48; I Corinthians 14:36-40; Acts 1:6-9

In our own communities we daily give witness to the depth of our Christian faith. Our lives touch many others. Countless eyes are upon us without our realizing it. What kind of Christ do others see in us? What should they learn from us? Many tradespeople, visitors, business associates, employees, and friends are within our circle of influence. Perhaps "there's a broken heart in every home." Make a list of our citizenship responsibilities toward others in a wonderful land of freedom. How do we keep it truly free? What, if any, is our Christian responsibility? Explain and discuss the statement, "A gentleman is one who feels at ease in the presence of a king, and in whose presence a hoid carrier feels at home."

Public Worship (three topics)

1. Excluding All

Psalm 95:1-6; John 4:19-26

Mere attendance in a church worship service is not enough. Worship demands and deserves our complete and active participation. To give less is to cheat ourselves of the power that can give meaning to life. Our purpose in worship should never be to criticize the preacher, to pick out the flaws in their choir anthem, or to sit quietly and schedule the week's work immediately ahead. To truly worship, we must exclude all worldly problems and concentrate on each portion of the worship service intently and wholeheartedly. To arrive early and pray in silence can set the tone for complete worship. No one can worship for you. This is your privilege and responsibility. Spend some time discussing distractions which affect worship. Some may be peculiar to your church. Which of these can be remedied?

Note: The remaining two topics in this series will appear in the February issue.

Two Helpful Resources

With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. This 48-page book covers leadership, organization, program, projects, and includes topic summaries for a year of meetings. Available for 75c from the Publishing Department of the International Society.

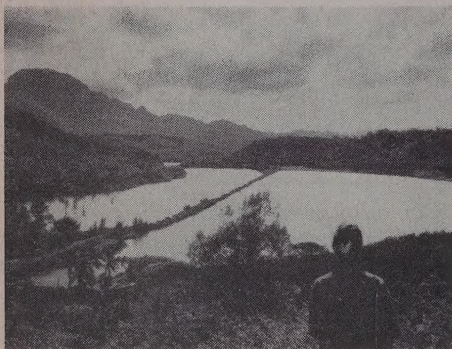
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THIS WAS THE HEAD TABLE when Ohio Endeavorers gathered October 19 in Columbus for the annual Adult-Alumni Banquet. Called the "Banquet of the Presidents," the event featured Arch J. McQuilkin as toastmaster and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows as speaker.





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